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## MORE HANKOW UNEASINESS.

## TROOPS GATHERING NEAR THE CITY.

## LI CHAI-SUM TO LEAD ATTACK ON CANTON.

## DISCORD IN THE NORTH.

More uneasiness is reported from Hankow, where Generals Chen Chien and Li Chung-yen have been unable to compose their differences. The former is now bringing all his troops within easy call of the city, and so great is the alarm felt that prominent Chinese have begun to move into the ex-British Concession.

In Shanghai, only a skeleton tramway service is being maintained, but, despite assassination threats, the hopes of a settlement are now brighter than they have been for days past.

The split in the Kuomintang Party is considered extremely serious, and opinion is divided as to the possible outcome. It is noteworthy that the Nanking Government has issued an edict ordering General Li Chai-sum to take command of the punitive expedition against Canton.

There are conflicting reports regarding the military operations in the North, but it is now known that serious discord exists in the ranks of General Chang Tsung-chang's army, the troops not having been paid for several months.

## QUESTION OF TREATY REVISION.

Hankow, Dec. 7. The latest development in the Hankow situation, which is still obscure, indicates that General Chen Chien will endeavour to enforce his point of view upon General Li Chung-yen. The two rival leaders have apparently turned down every attempt at compromise, and General Chen Chien is now bringing all his troops to within easy call of the city.

A large body of his forces which had followed up the defeated Wuhan forces along the river to Yehow have been recalled and have been concentrated at Wuchang. Uneasiness exists in the city and many prominent Chinese have begun to move into the ex-British Concession. *Naval Wireless.*

### AGAINST CANTON.

Orders to Li Chai-sum.

Shanghai, Dec. 8. The Nanking Nationalist Government yesterday issued an edict appointing General Li Chai-sum to take full command of the Canton punitive expedition. General Chan Ming-shu, in Southern Fukien, is ordered to take instructions directly from General Li Chai-sum.

Chan's Army is to quickly march towards Eastern Kwangtung to join in the campaign against the "Fenians," leaving one Division to guard Southern Fukien. *Naval Wireless.*

### Leaving for Swatow.

Shanghai, Dec. 7. As a result of the conference of military leaders yesterday Li Chai-sum is expected to leave shortly for Swatow. Pei Tsung-chi has expressed his willingness to support him, but Chu Pei-eh and Li Tsung-jen are lukewarm. *Reuter.*

### KUOMINTANG CRISIS.

Serious Deadlock Reached.

Shanghai, Dec. 7. The split in the ranks of the Kuomintang Party has taken a very definite line, ten of the Nanking delegates refusing to attend at yesterday's sitting of the Conference, following heated argument the previous day regarding the abolition of the Central Executive Committee, and the question of future military action against General Chang Tsung-chang and other military leaders at Canton.

Opinion is divided as to the outcome, but the deadlock is regarded as serious. *Naval Wireless.*

### SHANGHAI TRAM STRIKE.

Loyalty of Inspectors.

Shanghai, Dec. 7. Owing to intimidation of the motormen and conductors by striking fitters there is still only a skeleton tram service. The trams are mostly being driven by

inspectors, who despite the fact that one of their number was shot and several injured by the strikers this morning are loyally carrying on. *Reuter.*

### Settlement Hopes.

Shanghai, Dec. 7. Gunmen operating on behalf of intimidators shot at and seriously wounded a Tramway inspector, a Korean, to-day, the incident occurring after he had ignored threats of assassination. The tramway strike continues, but hopes for a settlement appear much brighter to-day, as the opening of negotiations having received a favourable response. *Naval Wireless.*

### CHANG TSUNG-CHANG'S ARMY.

Troops Receive No Pay.

Shanghai, Dec. 7. The serious reverse inflicted on Marshal Chang Tsung-chang's Army a few days ago, is followed by more serious news from the front which offers explanation of the critical position on the Shantung front.

Chang Tsung-chang's troops are becoming very restive and desertions are common as the result of the failure of the Shantung Commander to pay his troops. It is stated that they have not been paid for several months.

Recently attempts have been made to recruit "White" Russians into his Army, but with this state of affairs existing it is not surprising that the recruiting campaign has proved unproductive. *Naval Wireless.*

### U.S. NAVAL PATROL.

Change in the Command.

Shanghai, Dec. 7. The command of the United States Naval Patrol on the Yangtze was taken over on Monday by Rear-Admiral Yates Sterling from Rear-Admiral Hough, who has had command throughout the troubled times on the Yangtze in the past two years. *Naval Wireless.*

### NORTHERN CAMPAIGN.

Has Hsuehchow Fallen?

Peking, Dec. 7. The Northerners claim that Marshal Chang Tsung-chang is still holding Hsuehchow, and has repulsed attacks with aid or reinforcements.

Marshal Sun Chuan-fang's main army is concentrated at Lincheng. The Premier, Raa Fu, has not yet left for Shantung, and it is reported that he is attempting to raise more money to take to Chang Tsung-chang before leaving.

The Japanese Legation declares that it has no knowledge of any (Continued from page 14.)

## CHINA PIRACIES.

### PROPOSAL FOR MORE GUNBOATS.

### THE NAVY AND BIAS BAY.

London, Dec. 7. In the House of Commons, Mr. H. W. Laker, formerly of Hongkong, in view of increasing piracy, requested the Government to provide additional gunboats for the China Station, in the next naval estimates.

Mr. W. C. Bridgeman pointed out that a new gunboat had already been commissioned, and another will be commissioned in the present month. Two more are expected to be put into service early in the New Year. These vessels could not be employed on the high seas, where piracy had recently increased.

He added that some vessels which were due for replacement were being retained as long as possible, and the Admiralty was considering the question of further replacement.

### Bias Bay Control.

Responding to another suggestion to station a ship in Bias Bay to check piracy, Mr. Bridgeman said that this course had been taken on occasions, but the permanent establishment of British control in Bias Bay was not feasible.

The matter had been carefully considered by the chief command on the spot.

The Government were taking what they thought was the best method of dealing with the trouble. *Reuter.*

## BRITISH PLAN FOR DISARMAMENT.

### DELEGATE TO USE HIS DISCRETION.

London, Dec. 7. In the House of Commons, Comdr. Kenworthy asked whether the Admiralty had prepared a scheme for the reduction of naval armaments for submission to the Geneva disarmament conference.

Mr. G. Locker Lampson stated that the British delegate to the conference had discretion to bring forward "our proposals" whenever the occasion was propitious. *Reuter.*

### Not the Time Yet.

London, Dec. 7. In the House of Commons, answering Commander Kenworthy, the Labourite, Mr. G. Locker Lampson said the Government would lose no opportunity of furthering progress in the limitation of naval armaments. The British representative at Geneva had discretion to bring forward the British proposals whenever he thought the occasion propitious.

Comdr. Kenworthy asked whether any scheme was in existence to be put forward at the appropriate time. Mr. Locker Lampson replied that the next meeting would take place early in February, and it would then be time for our representatives to bring forward proposals. *British Wireless.*

## POLAND'S DISPUTE CONSIDERED.

### PLACES BLAME ON LITHUANIA.

Geneva, Dec. 7. The Council hall was packed on the opening of the consideration of the Polo-Lithuanian dispute.

M. Valdemaras outlined the case against Poland; and M. Zaleski, for Poland, followed, and declared that the root of the evil was the existence in Lithuania of a so-called state of war against Poland. He invoked Article 8 of the Covenant, and appealed to the Council to remove the present state of affairs. *Reuter.*

### Dutch Rapporteur.

Geneva, Dec. 7. The Dutch delegate to the Council of the League of Nations has been appointed rapporteur in the Polo-Lithuanian dispute. *Reuter.*

## THE PROSPERITY OF AMERICA.

### YEAR OF UNPRECEDENTED CIRCUMSTANCES.

### COUNTRY'S GOLD STOCKS.

Washington, Dec. 7. In his annual report on finances, Mr. Mellon lays stress on "the unusual combination of circumstances," namely the large volume of business done, simultaneously with declining commodity prices, high wages, and lower costs, resulting in sustained purchasing power.

The bank increased their loans and investments by about two milliards of dollars, and simultaneously reduced their dependence on the Federal reserve system.

Revised estimates show that the war cost the United States thirty-five milliards of dollars.

The country's gold stock on October 31 this year was \$4,548,000,000, compared with \$4,554,000,000 at the same date in 1924, mainly owing to the policy aimed

### SHANGHAI EXCITEMENT.

### Big Explosion Near Arsenal.

Shanghai, Dec. 8. There was much excitement caused here to-day, owing to a violent explosion in the vicinity of Lungwa-arsenal.

Up to the present, however, nothing has transpired as to the cause of the explosion, or the possible damage done. *Our Own Correspondent.*

at a restoration of the gold standard all over the world, a policy which had found expression in granting credits to a number of European issue banks, and in the discount and open market plan, which as far as possible avoided a rate position which would attract gold to America and strain the European money markets.

### Industrial Harmony.

The maintenance of high wages and good conditions, the control of immigration, and the modification of the anti-trust laws, are the main planks of the United States and the labour policy laid down by Secretary Davis in his annual report, declaring that never in his history has the country witnessed such a degree of general harmony between workers and employers.

The attitude of goodwill in partnership is growing; nevertheless further co-operation in the field of industry would benefit the general public, notably in coal mining, in which a series of corporations with combined selling agencies would aid in solving the problems. *Reuter's American Service.*

## LABOUR CONVENTION BENEFITS.

### ALREADY IN EXISTENCE IN BRITAIN.

London, Dec. 7. The Minister of Labour was asked in the House of Commons whether now that the Government of the German Reich had ratified the international labour convention on maternity protection, he would expedite its ratification by the British Government.

The Minister replied that the general reasons which led the British Government to ratify the convention, which the British Government had refused to ratify, were that in the British view the benefits provided under the health insurance scheme, and other social services already in operation in this country, were in accordance with the policy of the convention, and were no doubt in some respects in advance of those embodied in the convention. *British Wireless.*

## SHOOTING AFFAIR.

### WOUNDED SERGEANT RALLYING.

### FUNERAL OF DEAD HERO.

Following on the sensational shooting affray of yesterday morning, between a police picket and armed robbers, the personnel of the Criminal Investigation Department have been almost exclusively devoting their attention to enquiries which are necessary before the various aspects of the case can be considered as complete.

Not the least important of these considerations is the remarkable fact that certain articles used in the armed robbery at the coffee-shop are identical with those used in one or two previous robberies, as for instance, the tape and wires used to secure bags and to bind up the victims. An interesting field of investigation is thus opened up, and is one which will throw much light, in the opinion of the police, on the recent series of armed crimes.

Police officials are still optimistic of being able to effect the early arrest of the only member of the gang still unaccounted for.

### Condition of Wounded.

Through police sources this morning, it is gathered that Lance Sergeant McMahon, who was wounded in the abdomen by a shot which perforated his intestines in several places, has recovered consciousness after the operation, and an improvement in his condition is hoped for.

The condition of the Chinese detective, Lui Tung, and the Chinese constable, Chan Sing, both of whom were also shot in the abdomen, is unchanged.

At two o'clock this afternoon it was learned, on enquiry at the Government Civil Hospital, that Sergeant McMahon was still in a very critical condition.

### Victim's Funeral.

Great interest is centred on the funeral of the Chinese constable Wan Wong-chi, which is taking place this afternoon. The unfortunate officer, it will be recalled, was on search duty at the Yumati Ferry Wharf, on central waterfront, and, heedless of the fact that he was entirely unarmed, very gallantly joined in the police pursuit of an escaping robber on it being carried past his point. While closing in with the robber, he was shot at from point-blank range, and the bullet penetrating his heart, he was killed almost instantaneously. This was the last casualty received at the hands of the gang, the man who was being chased and who fired this fatal shot, being in his turn shot down by a volley in Des Voeux Road, near the Connaught Garage.

### Official Tribute.

Fitting tribute will be paid to this constable, who died while in the discharge of a public duty. The funeral will be of an official nature, as on past occasions when an officer of the Force has lost his life in similar circumstances.

The procession, which will be formed with all available men from the Chinese contingent of the Hongkong Police Force, and with representative detachments from other sections, will pass through Centre Street, Queen's Road West and Des Voeux Road West, on its way to the Chinese cemetery at Pokfulam, where the remains will be interred. Superintendents of the Force will head the procession on the route.

The deceased officer was a native of Kwangtung, being born in the village of Tow Kow, in the Tung-koon district. He joined the Police Force on June 15, 1921, at the age of 23, and had a good record of service. He leaves a widow and two small children, a boy and a girl, to whom much sympathy will be extended.

### TO-DAY.

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## VOTE OF CENSURE IN COMMONS.

### PREMIER'S "SILENCE" CAUSES OFFENCE.

### LABOUR MOTION REJECTED.

London, Dec. 7. In the House of Commons an accusation that the Premier by his silence had insulted the Opposition on November 16, during the coal debate, was made by Mr. Ramsay MacDonald in moving the censure motion promised last month.

Mr. Baldwin followed, and said he resented the suggestion made that he had disregarded the delicacies of Parliamentary life. He pointed out the demands on the Premier's time, owing to the increase in the volume of Parliamentary work.

### Better Coal Position.

Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister, acknowledging the difficulties of the coal industry, deprecated aggravation of them, and "showed" by means of statistics that there had been an increase in the export trade, although prices were unsatisfactory, while unemployment in the mines had decreased by 14,000 in the past two years. The eight-hour Bill had reduced the working costs by an average of 32 pence a ton.

The House rejected Mr. MacDonald's motion, by 347 to 142.

On November 16, the debate on the coal industry had twice to be suspended owing to Opposition uproar demanding the Premier's appearance. In the House of Commons the next day, replying to Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, Mr. Baldwin said that in view of the previous day's happenings, he was unable to afford a further opportunity for the discussion of the Labour Party motion of censure, regarding the Government's policy towards the coal industry. Thereupon Mr. MacDonald gave notice of a new motion protesting against the Premier deliberately evading defence and demanding an explanation of the Government's inaction over the serious situation in the coal industry.

## THE BRITISH AND U.S. NAVAL PLANS.

### NO DISCUSSION PRIOR TO GENEVA.

London, Dec. 7.

A question was asked in the House of Commons to-day, whether, in the course of conversation with leading officials of the United States, prior to and during the naval disarmament conference at Geneva, any statements were made by any British official representative which were calculated to convey an assurance as to no difficulty being raised by Great Britain over naval disarmament negotiations.

Mr. G. Locker Lampson, Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replied that he was not aware of any conversations having taken place between British and American officials or representatives, prior to the conference, on the actual merits of the questions at issue.

As to those which took place during the conference, they were obviously of an informal and private character, and equally there was no record of them. *British Wireless.*

## MANCHESTER PLANS FOR NEW TRADE.

### BIG COTTON AMALGAMATION PLANNED.

London, Dec. 7.

A great cotton amalgamation, which may have far-reaching effects on the entire outlook of the Manchester trade, is reported to be about to be made early in the New Year, when a dozen Manchester export firms, the largest of which is concerned in the South American trade, are forming a public company with a capital of £2,000,000, to finance a new enterprise with a view to securing greater efficiency in marketing and salesmanship. *Reuter.*

## LALOR SENSATION.

### MISSIONARY RESCUER TRAPPED?

### BIG BANDIT BLUFF SEEMS POSSIBLE.

### MYSTERIOUS SILENCE.

Mysterious silence since daylight yesterday morning, with the possibility hovering suspiciously in the offing that the bandit chief who kidnapped Capt. W. G. Lator, the master of the Siang Tan, has been engaging in a colossal bluff, and is not only refusing to release Capt. Lator, but has captured his would-be rescuer, Mr. Tocher, and the £20,000 ransom money in addition, is the sensational turn events have taken in connection with the Lator affair.

At the moment, the absence of any communication from Mr. Tocher since he left Palyang yesterday morning in company with bandits is the only basis for this alarming supposition, but the naval authorities undertaking the search and arrangements for the release of Capt. W. G. Lator fear that this still more serious prospect may have to be faced.

### Navy Alert.

If nothing was heard by daylight to-day, it was the intention of the naval authorities to follow up Mr. Tocher immediately with the object of discovering his fate, though in view of the threats to the life of Capt. Lator and of the obvious danger to Mr. Tocher also now existing, the situation is fraught with difficulty.

The unfortunate Scottish missionary, presuming present fears are correct, was sent to Ichang at daylight yesterday morning with £20,000 ransom money in his possession, for which sum the bandit chief had agreed to hand over Capt. Lator.

### No Word.

After journeying to Palyang he was met by two unnamed bandits, and embarked with them in a vessel which was to take them to the rendezvous appointed by the pirate chief up the river. Since he left Palyang no word of any description has been received, and thus it is feared that the suspicions now held are only too true.

Otherwise, the naval authorities can offer no explanation for the complete silence, since daylight yesterday, and the failure of either Capt. W. G. Lator or Mr. Tocher to reappear.

### Friendly Attitude.

If the situation was not serious it would have its humorous side. The bandits have conducted negotiations for the ransom of Capt. Lator in a "friendly" manner throughout, explaining to the go-between, Mr. Tocher, that they had no intention of attacking the British steamer, Siang Tan, that the raid was carried out in the darkness under the impression that the steamer at anchor was a Japanese ship carrying arms and ammunition, and that the kidnapping of Capt. W. G. Lator was carried out only as an afterthought. Their advances were accepted in all good faith, and now, even if it be true that Mr. Tocher is a prisoner in addition, the bandits have the authorities in a cleft stick. Meanwhile, it is hoped that some hitch has occurred in the arrangements, other than the serious position supposed, to account for the absence of satisfactory news.

## SOVIET CAMPAIGN ENDORSED.

### TO FURTHER THE "CAUSE" ABROAD.

Moscow, Dec. 7. The congress of the Communist Party, at which M. Stalin demanded the opposition's complete and unconditional submission, unanimously passed a resolution charging the Central Committee with the task of promoting the ties between the workers and the Soviet in other countries, and also the economic ties of the Soviet and capitalist countries, as well as continue to strengthen Russia's "defensive capacity." The congress came to the opinion that the Trotskyist opposition had "become a factor in the anti-Soviet struggle." *Reuter.*



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## NEW TERRITORIES SHOW.

### GREAT SUCCESS OF THE INITIAL EFFORT.

### THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH.

Despite the inclement weather, the first Agricultural Show to be held in the New Territories, which opened at Lady Ho Tung's experimental farm yesterday, was a marked success. The event was admirably organised, thanks to the unremitting energy of the officials, whilst the produce on show was of a high quality, giving much promise for future development. In this connexion, H. E. the Governor, in the course of a speech, expressed the hope that producers would aim at making the Colony self-supporting.

There were close on 8,000 exhibits, whilst the attendance yesterday was over 2,000. An even larger number of people is expected to visit the Show to-day.

His Excellency the Governor, who was accompanied by Lady Clementi, arrived at Lady Ho Tung's farm shortly after 2.30, being met by members of the Show committee. The party then proceeded to the Show buildings where a raised dais had been erected for the opening ceremony.

Among those present at the opening were Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin, Capt. Whyte, A.D.C., the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, Sir Shou-son Chow, Mr. Robert and Lady Ho Tung, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Fraser, Mr. A. E. Wood, Mr. G. P. de Martin, the Hon. Dr. Kotewall, C.M.G., Mr. Ho Kom Tong, Mr. R. C. Fredwell, Mr. A. Cameron, Mr. W. Gerrard (A.S.P.), Mr. J. P. Braga, Mr. Kwok Shiu-lau, members of the Show committee, village elders and many others.

The Rev. H. R. Wells spoke first in English and then in Chinese.

He said: "Your Excellency, ladies and gentlemen, we are here to-day for the purpose of opening this show which, I believe, is the first one held in the New Territories."

The subject was broached some years ago, but circumstances were against its being carried out earlier, and last year when it was again mentioned, I was asked if I would be willing to assist in the arrangements.

Needless to say, this is not a one-man work—it necessitated the united efforts of a number of people, and we have to report that many willing helpers were forthcoming.

I cannot refrain from mentioning the names of a few of these, and first of all I must thank Lady Ho Tung and, through her, Sir Robert for the extremely happy way in which hospitality has been extended to us with all liberality.

#### Unstinted Efforts.

The next person who should be mentioned is Mr. J. P. Braga, our Secretary and Treasurer, who has given unstinted effort to make the show a success. He has supplied us with many kinds of stationery, and much printed matter, and has provided clerical work and postage, without charging one cent to the funds of the show. This probably makes him our largest contributor on the financial side.

Messrs. Gibbs and Dowbiggin and others have helped us with plans, suggestions and advice in all the affairs of the show.

Of our Chinese friends, all of whom have worked well, I should mention Messrs. Fung Kai Cheuk, Tsai Po Tin, Ng Sing Chi, the secretary, and Tang Wai Tong. The assistance given by the first and second mentioned gentlemen has been of the greatest value as they are resident in Hongkong, and Mr. Fung not only assisted in every possible detail of the work but gave away seeds of many kinds and himself distributed printed papers of instructions for planting and care of the articles. Without the aid of these gentlemen it would have been almost impossible to attain our present success.

Mr. Fraser has very greatly assisted us, and given valued advice and help in many ways.

Our success is not so great as we might have hoped, but there are enough exhibits to show that interest has been aroused, and our Chinese friends prophesy a good show for next year. They are not downhearted or discouraged.

#### Giving all a Chance.

We limited as far as possible the exhibits from each part of the Territories so as to give every part a chance to compete. The exhibits from (Tai U Shan) Lan Tau are very few in number, but even there visits were made by our agent, Mr. Fung Fook, who has been over nearly all parts of the Territories advocating the interests of the show.

There is not time to mention other friends whose interest in different ways has contributed to the present success. Mr. Owen Hughes has given a scroll for annual competition, and Messrs. J. M. da Rocha & Co. gave 13 prizes for the rice section and 100 packets of rice seed to us for use throughout the Territories, and the Consul for Chile is providing fertiliser to exhibitors.

We are greatly honoured by your presence to-day to celebrate this occasion and extend to you our hearty thanks for the interest you have taken in our work.

#### Governor's Speech.

His Excellency the Governor spoke in English, his speech being translated into Chinese by the Hon. Dr. Kotewall.

He said:—"It is a great pleasure to me that so soon after my return to Hongkong from a short holiday I am called out to the New Territories. This is a part of the country which I love and have loved for many years. I always feel as I cross Kowloon Range that a load of responsibility has been lifted from my shoulders, that I am breathing purer and fresher air and that I am living nearer Nature."

I am very sorry that the weather has not been kind to us to-day. I sympathise with your Committee, but it is a greater pleasure to be rained upon in Fanling than in Hongkong. I also rejoice that it has been my privilege to open this, the first agricultural show held on the New Territories.

I had so often in my mind when I was out here as Land Officer in the New Territories that a show such as we see here to-day would be an encouragement and incentive to agriculture in the New Territories. It never took definite shape until Mr. Wells came to me shortly after my return to Hongkong and suggested that a committee should be formed to organise a show of this kind.

Mr. Wells is therefore the prime mover in this matter and our thanks are chiefly due to him. Mr. Wells has quite rightly said that this is not a one-man show. The co-operation of many men has been necessary to make this exhibition a success.

#### Other Enthusiasts.

A second enthusiast in the corps is Mr. Braga. He has not

only apparently been the largest contributor in money but has also brought a fund of ideas to the Show. Then I must mention especially and honourably Lady Ho Tung. She has not only been of very great assistance in organising this exhibition but has given her grounds in which this Show might be held. For many years she has greatly interested herself in sericulture and especially in sericulture in the New Territories.

I have no hesitation in saying that but for the help of Lady Ho Tung this exhibition could not have been held.

When the idea of the Show was first suggested I insisted that it must be unofficial, that is to say that the organisation must be unofficial and not official, and therefore, although the Show had my full co-operation, I held that the committee should be mainly unofficial.

Nevertheless I requested Mr. Fraser, when you invited him to be your vice-patron, that he should serve, as I felt that he might be of assistance to you with his advice. I well know the paternal interest Mr. Fraser takes in this Territory.

#### Officials Thanked.

We must also thank the officials of the Show and I wish to thank Mr. Green, superintendent of the Botanical and Forestry Department, because I feel that much of the success of the Show is due to him.

In one word I wish to thank the whole committee, both European and Chinese for the strenuous work they have done.

As is usual on these occasions the opener has to speak under a disadvantage, not having seen the Show. I have often thought it would be far better if those whose duty it is to open exhibitions were first taken round. They could then make some intelligent remarks concerning it. Unfortunately I am reduced to making a few general remarks on this occasion because I cannot speak of any individual exhibits.

#### Vegetable Culture.

There are two matters which I have always felt were of great importance to these Territories and which I should like to dwell on. Firstly, I think greater efforts should be made in the New Territories to grow vegetables, and I hope this show will give a great impetus to this. At present your staple product is rice but you cannot produce enough rice for requirements of Hongkong which is obliged to import the greater part of its rice from Saigon and Bangkok.

There is no reason why the New Territories should not produce within themselves practically all the vegetables needed for Hongkong. They do not do so at present and we still have to import vegetables. It is not even as if the present proprietors in the New Territories ate their own rice. As you know you grow rice which is so good that you prefer to sell it at a high price and import a cheaper kind for yourselves.

I put it to you that it would be beneficial for the Colony if you would grow vegetables and for which you would get an even greater benefit.

This is a matter in which the Botanical and Forestry department and the Government will give you every help.

#### Forestry Development.

Another matter I wish to speak about is "forestry," a question on which I have spoken to you before when I was assistant Land Officer and since I became Governor. It is most unfortunate that so large an area of land in this Colony lies waste and is not used for profit. I have just come back from a journey which has taken me to Japan and Korea. It is very striking to see how forestry has developed in Japan. Practically all the hills are covered with trees and the timber industry is becoming a very important industry in Japan.

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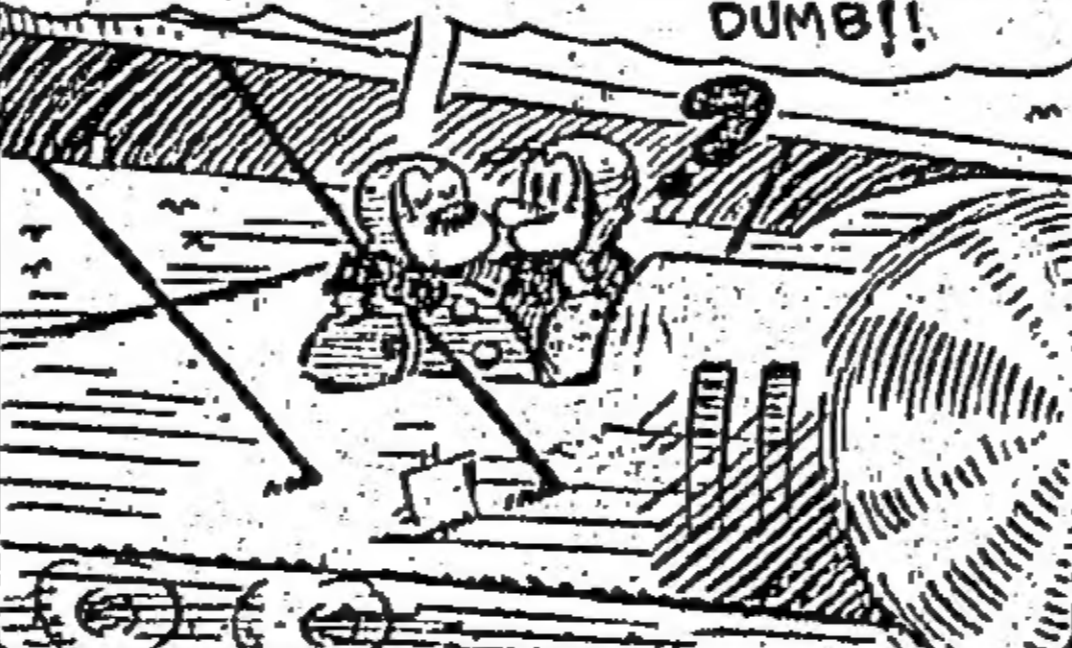
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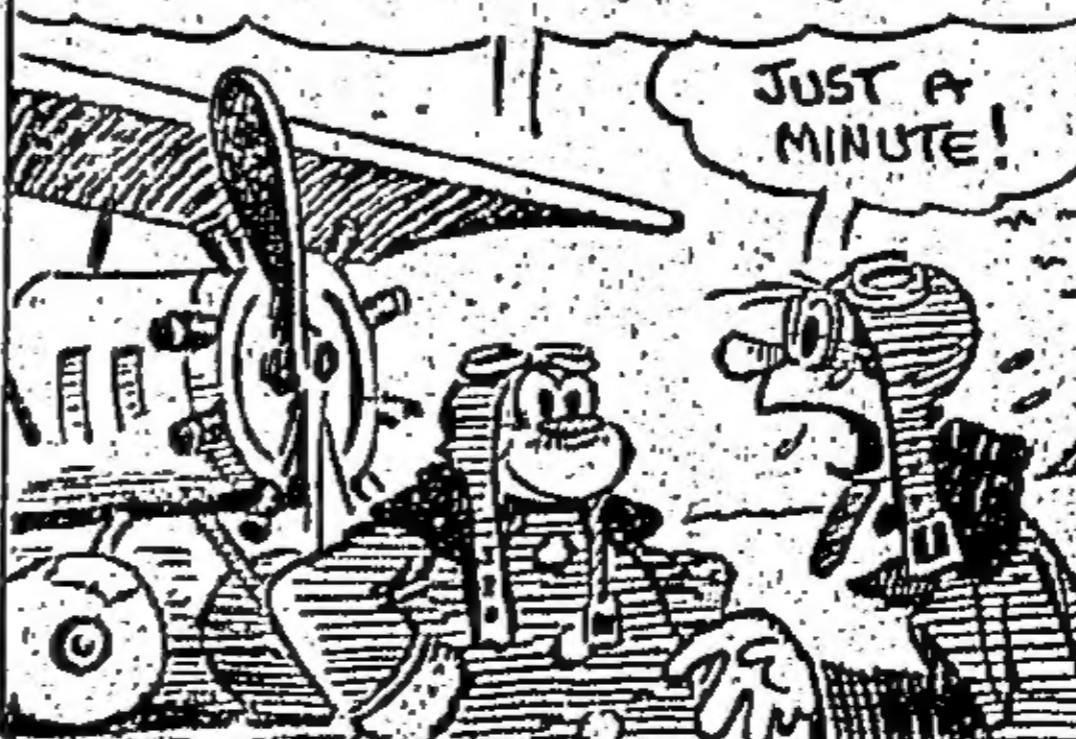
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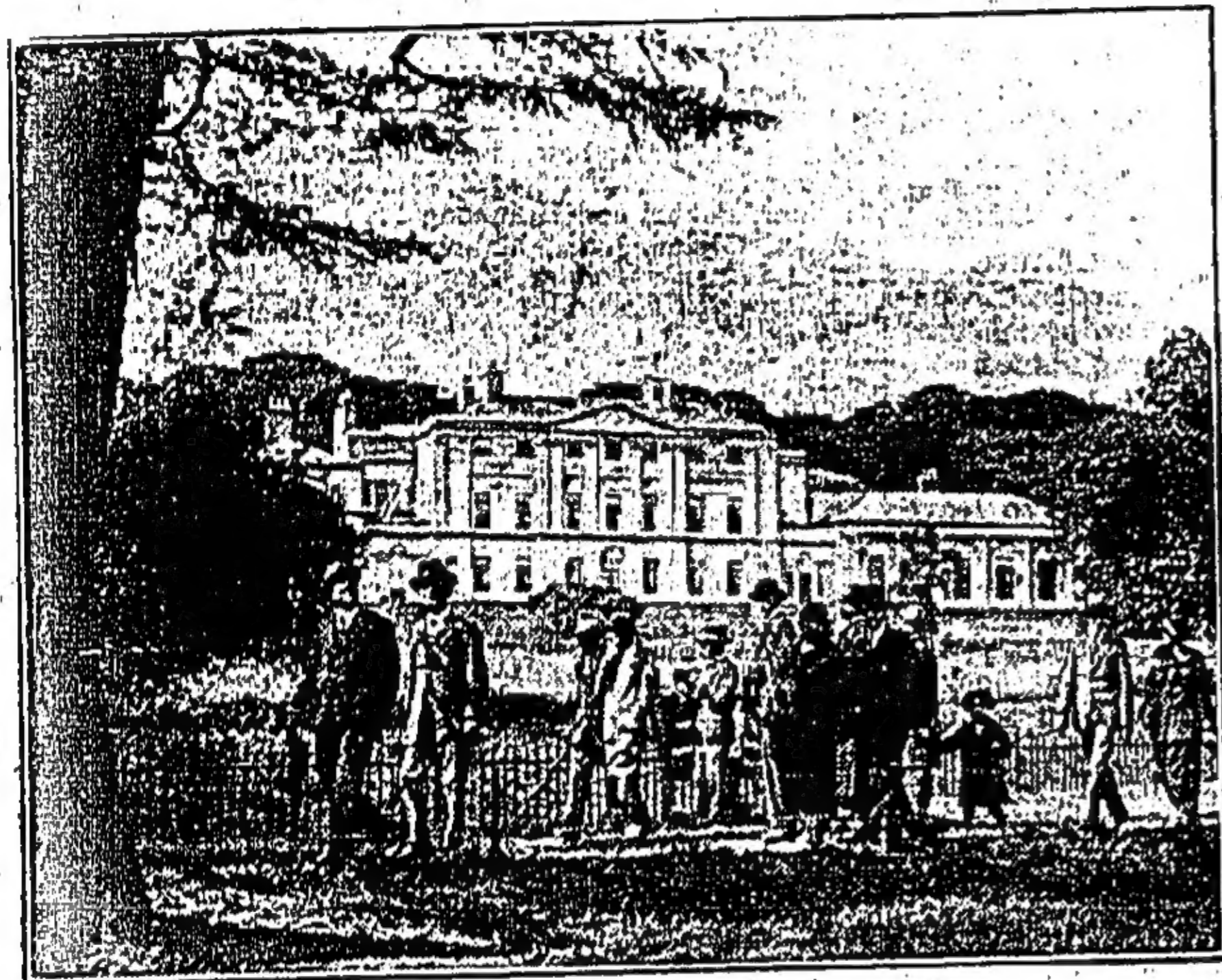




WEDDING AT SHANGHAI.—Group taken after the wedding at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Shanghai, of Mr. James Charlesworth Porritt and Miss Mamie Fraser Hall. The best man was Mr. Colin Martin, and the bridesmaids Miss E. M. Robinson and Miss H. Powell. The train-bearer was Miss Susan Lobenstein. Mr. C. T. Hall, first on the left, gave away the bride.



LORD IVEAGH'S GIFT TO THE NATION.—The Man with the Stick, a portrait of Pieter van den Broeke, by Frans Hals, one of the pictures which have been bequeathed to the nation by Lord Iveagh. (Times copyright)



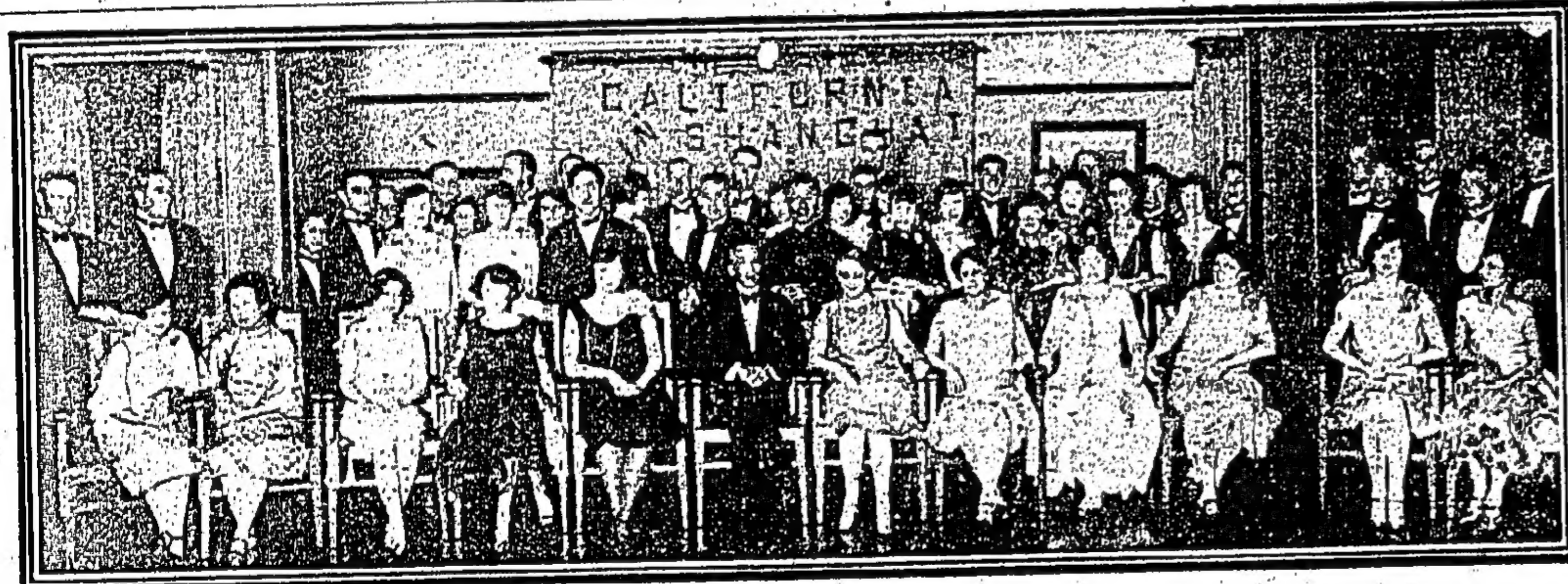
LORD IVEAGH'S GIFT TO THE NATION.—An exterior view of Ken Wood House, which was bought by Lord Iveagh some time ago and has been left by him to the Nation. (Times copyright).



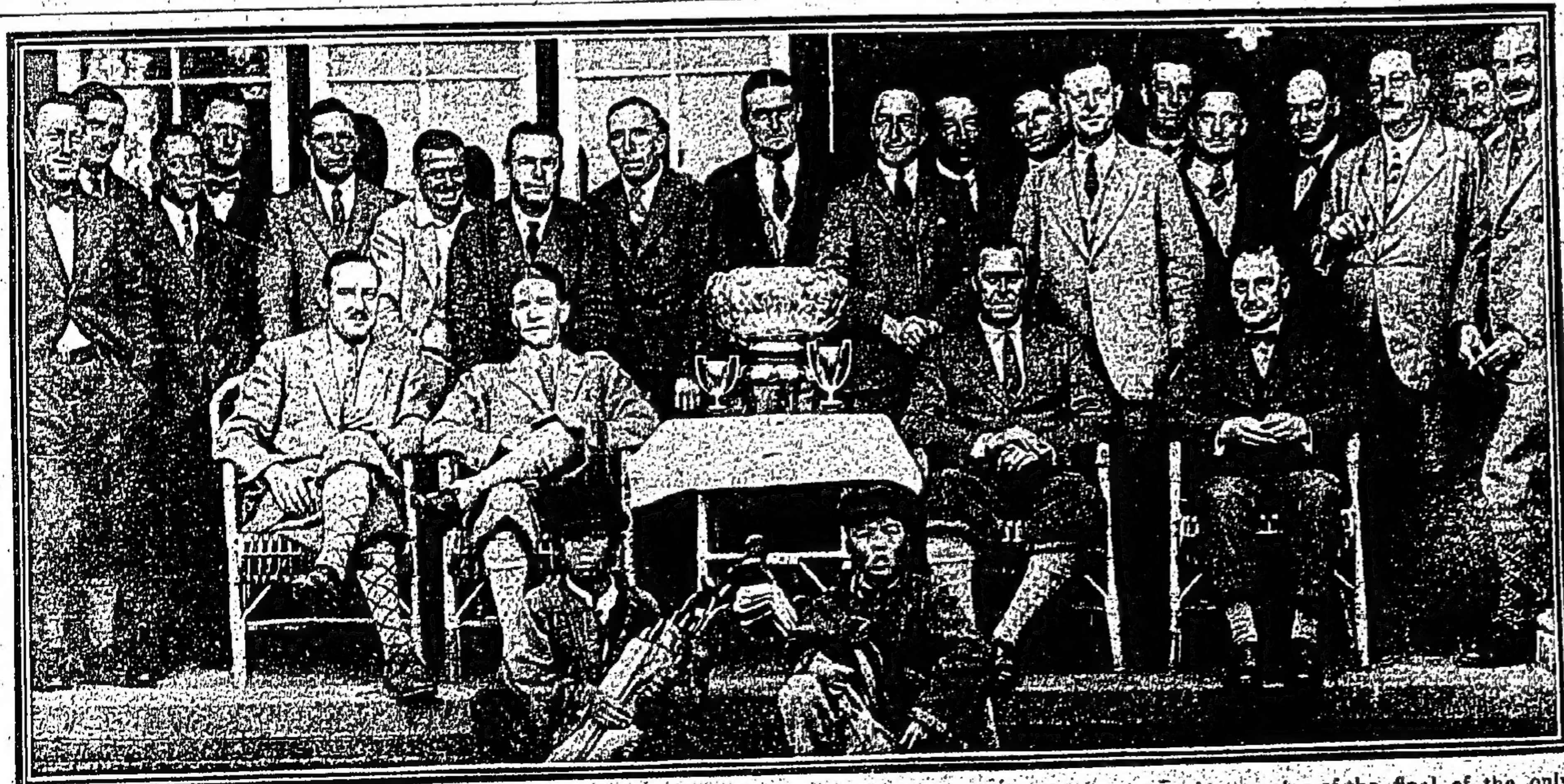
DEFENDS ENGLAND.—Sir Edwin Stockton, cotton trade leader, former member of Parliament and social worker, has invited Chicago's mayor to spend a week as his guest at Jodrell Hall, Cheshire, and see what the English are really like.



MILLIONS INVOLVED.—Mrs. Reginald C. Vanderbilt (above), "\$7,000,000 widow" of the late Reginald C. Vanderbilt, has admitted in Paris that she is to marry Prince Friedel Hobenlohe-Langebourg (below), of Wurtemberg, nephew of Queen Marie of Roumania. Their romance had its inception in the Queen's visit to America last year. Mrs. Vanderbilt is the twin sister of Mrs. Thelma Morgan Converse.



CALIFORNIA IN SHANGHAI.—The University of California Club held its annual dinner at the Union Club, Shanghai, recently, when the above photograph was taken. There was a large attendance of both Chinese and American graduates.



SHANGHAI CHAMPION SHIP GOLFERS.—This group was taken at the Shanghai Golf Club, Kiangwan, on the occasion of the final of the only championship which was won by Mr. A. R. Blinko from Mr. H. R. Malcolm by six up and four to play. Conditions on the day were not conducive to good golf. From left to right those seated are: Mr. M. W. Budd, amateur champion of the Far East who acted as umpire. Mr. H. R. Malcolm, the runner-up, Mr. A. R. Blinko, the winner, and Mr. R. Bailey, vice-president of the Shanghai Golf Club.

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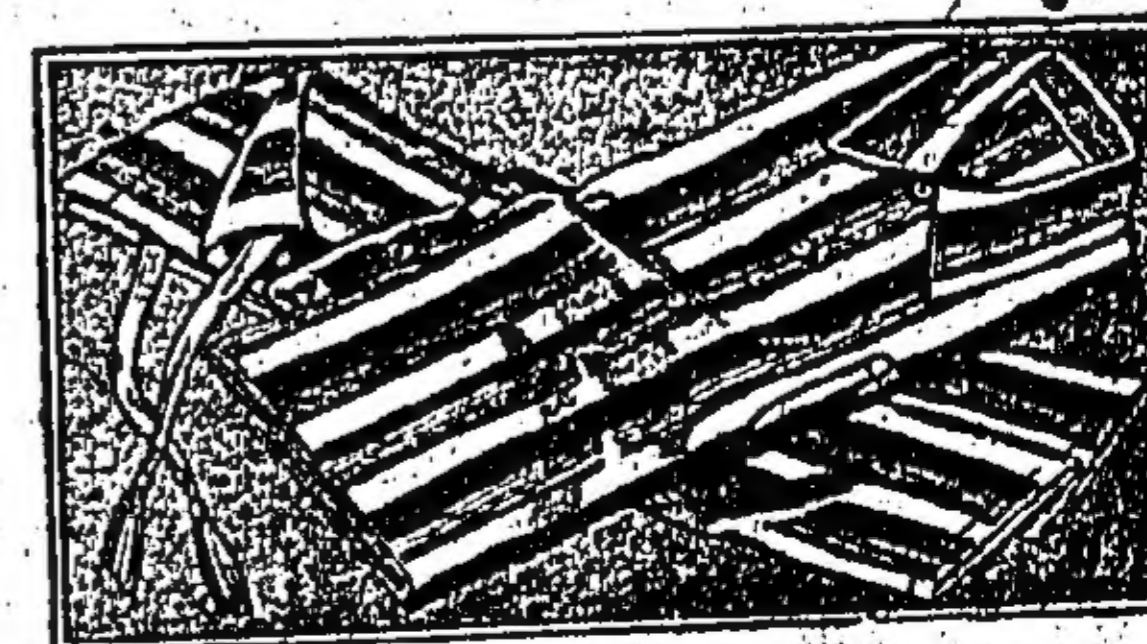
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E. D. C. WOLFE, Capt. Supt. of Police, Hongkong, 7th December, 1927.

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E. B. FINNINGAN, Registrar, Hongkong, 7th December, 1927.

#### NOTICE.

The Columbia Pacific Shipping Company, Room 26 Bank of Canton Building, announces that effective December 6th, 1927, Mr. A. L. Thomson has been appointed Acting District Agent succeeding Mr. H. S. Zumwalt who is leaving for home.

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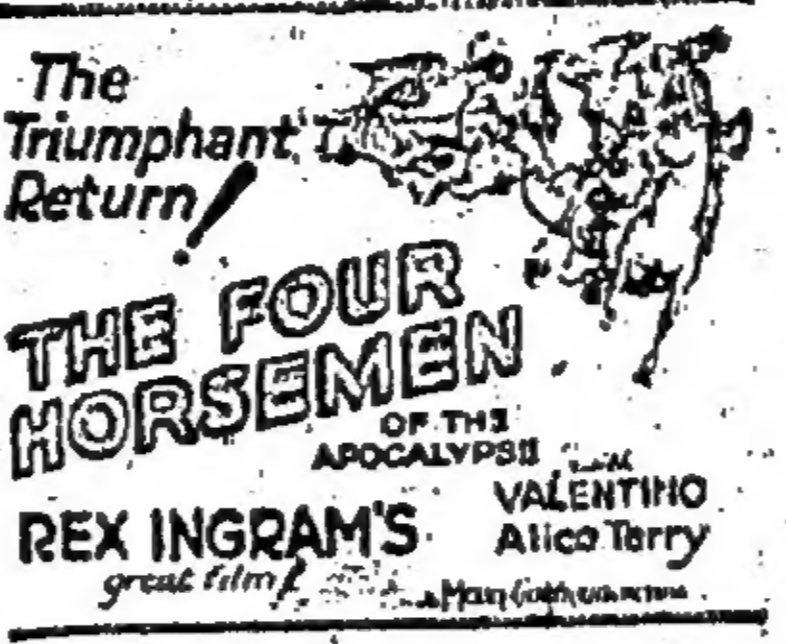
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would find an absolute cure. Captain Boothby stated that about 600 letters had been received by the council from sufferers during the past two weeks. Some of them had come from doctors in Harley-street and elsewhere. One doctor, who had had to sell his house and give up his practice on account of asthma, wrote that he had tried 25 different cures without avail. The Rev. H. R. L. Sheppard, another sufferer, who had consented to serve on the council, wrote wishing well to the movement.

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Princess Mary expressed the opinion that the ceiling looked dangerous and threatened to fall. Everybody left and the ceiling crashed within two minutes.

The servants were using fire extinguishers, and Princess Mary also warned them to leave.

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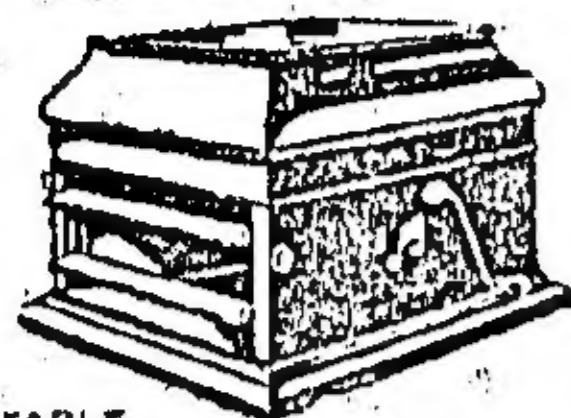
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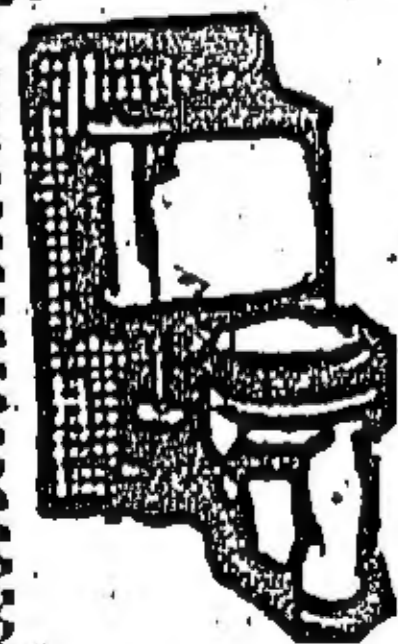
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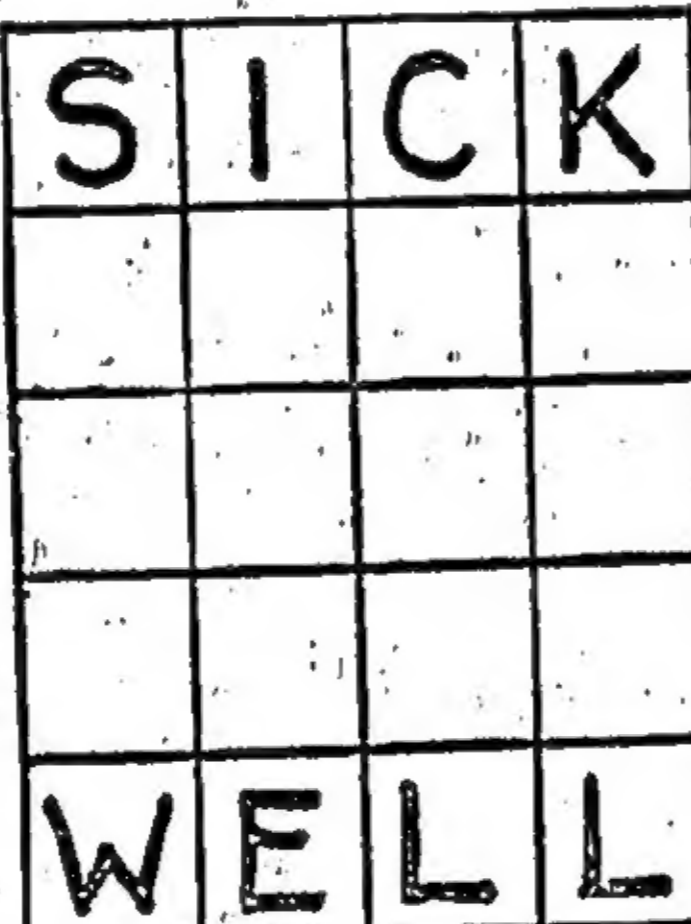
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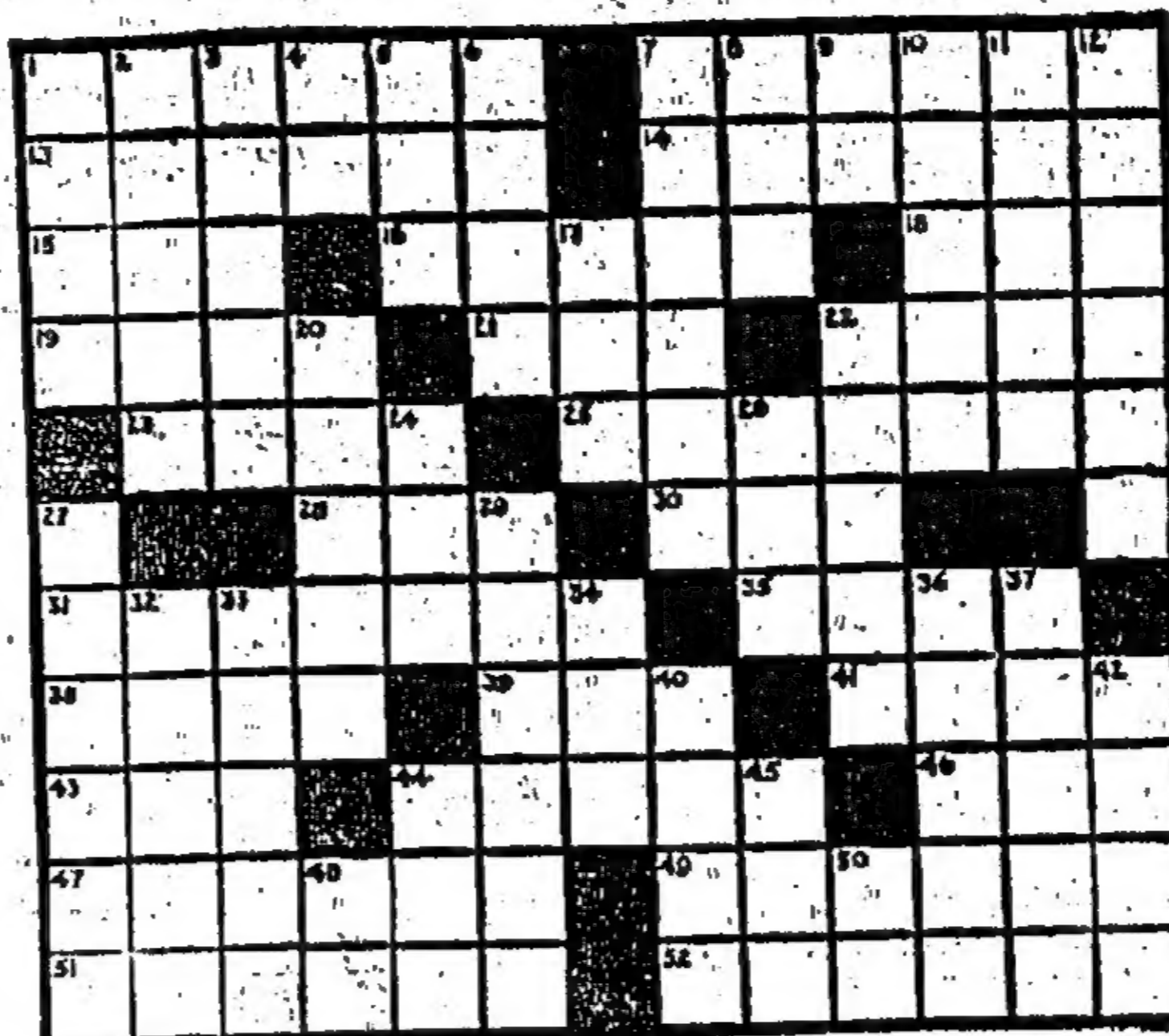
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letter at a time.

3—You must have a complete  
word, of common usage, for  
each jump. Slang words and  
abbreviations do not count.

4—The order of letters can-  
not be changed.

One solution is printed on  
another page of this issue.

# OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



Across.

- 1 Cutting parts of instruments.
- 7 Reported.
- 13 To move away.
- 14 Long-drawn speech.
- 15 Bird similar to an ostrich.
- 16 To enlist.
- 18 Handle of a jug.
- 19 Quantity of medicine to be taken  
at one time.
- 21 To put on.
- 22 Full grown pike.
- 23 Close.
- 25 One who testifies.
- 28 Perched.
- 30 Fluid in a tree.
- 31 Storage place for military equip-  
ment.
- 35 Not as much.
- 38 Socks flax.
- 39 Blue grass.
- 41 Face of a clock.
- 43 Tiny device for setting up a golf  
ball.
- 44 Group of animals lacking limbs and  
feet.
- 46 Islet.
- 47 Reluctant.
- 49 To purpose.
- 51 Meal.
- 52 Contaminates.

Down.

- 1 Trained.
- 2 Citric fruit.
- 3 To entertain.
- 4 To accomplish.
- 5 Evening.
- 6 To deliver.
- 7 Lapidates.

- 8 Sesame.
- 9 Measure of area.
- 10 Variety of clubfoot.
- 11 To evolve.
- 12 To extract germs from wheat  
grains.
- 17 Wand.
- 20 Relieves.
- 22 Cantered.
- 24 Hastened.
- 26 Constant companion.
- 27 Incrustation on the teeth.
- 29 Machine part.
- 32 To thread.
- 33 Abrupt.
- 34 Card game.
- 36 Vampire.
- 37 Godly man.
- 42 Entrance.
- 43 Boys.
- 44 Almost a donkey.
- 45 Collection of facts.
- 48 Sun god.
- 50 Seventh note of scale.

Yesterday's Solution.



# "DON JUAN"

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"Don Juan" comes to the  
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cisely elegant humour for which  
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famous.

The story really encompasses  
two dramas—the tragedy of Don  
Jose the father, contained in the  
prologue, and the drama of Don  
Juan, the son, in the picture itself.

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Don Juan a distrust of women  
which is emphasised when the son  
sees his father killed by the wo-  
man he has trusted.

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arts and graces of his day, Don  
Juan quite naturally gravitates  
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ed in a luxurious palace he wins  
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ing ladies—Mary Astor, Estelle  
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Loy, Jane Winton, June Marlowe,  
Helen D'Algy, Helen Lee Worth-  
ing, Hedda Hopper and Phyllis  
Haver. Monagu Love and War-  
ner Oland are the outstanding  
figures among the men.

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than a love story—it is a tale of  
adventure, full of exciting inci-

# A HONGKONG BOY.

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PAUL'S CATHEDRAL.

London, Dec. 8.  
Paul K. Ma, whose parents were  
married at Paul's, Hongkong  
will be christened at St. Paul's  
Cathedral on Sunday. He will be  
the first Chinese baby thus  
honoured.—Reuter.

# SHIPS REACH MALTA.

FIRST CRUISER SQUADRON  
RETURNS.

Malta, Dec. 7.  
The first cruiser squadron has  
returned after thirteen months  
service in China.—Reuter.

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mile a minute," an engine driver  
told a reporter. The train leaves  
London at 10 a.m. and was to  
arrive in Carlisle at  
3.38. It arrived fifteen seconds  
before schedule. The reduction in  
time has been because the train  
arrived every day before its time,  
and further reductions will be made  
if the speed is increased.

dents, not the least being two  
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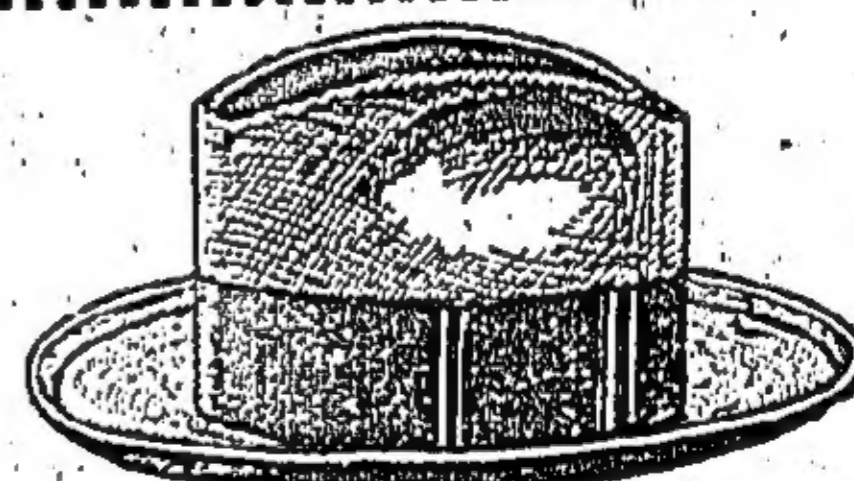
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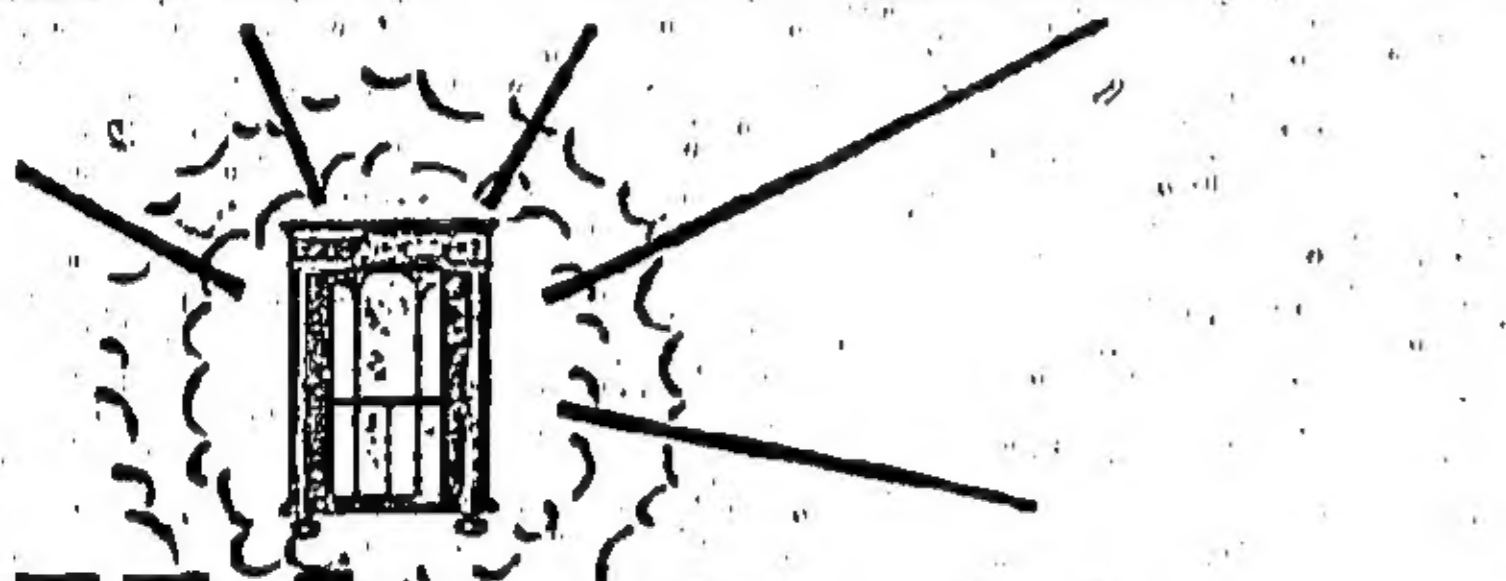
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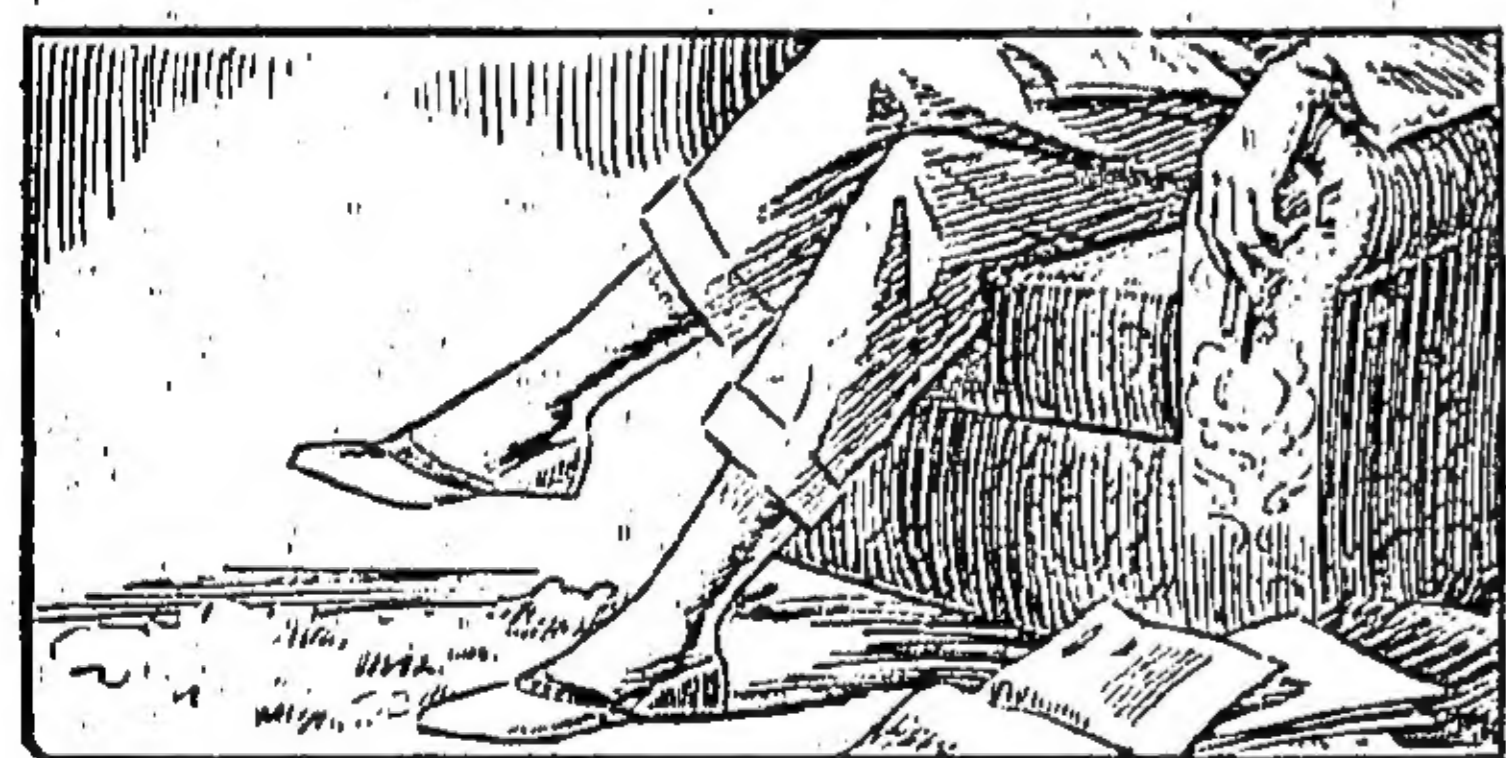


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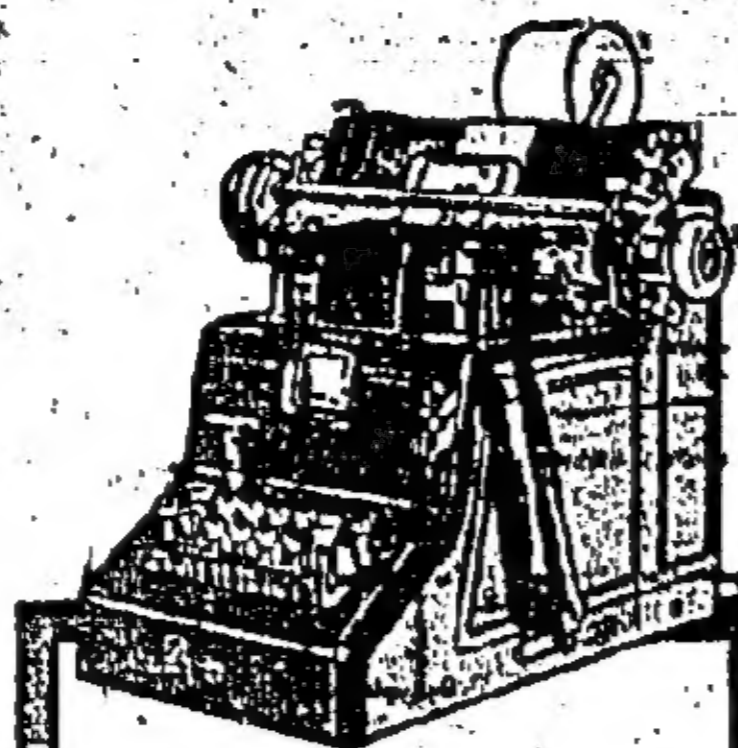
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THURSDAY, DEC. 8, 1927.

YESTERDAY'S  
SHOOTING AFFAIR.

The general public must have been startled by the details of the shooting affair in the city yesterday morning, which resulted in a regrettable series of casualties among members of the police force, who bravely tackled armed men, in the course of their duties. On first sight the tendency may be to suppose that serious crime has at last become more pronounced in the Colony, as in Shanghai and elsewhere. This way of looking at the matter would fittingly be described as alarmist, and we think, unnecessarily so. When we come to analyse the crime position in Hongkong, it is found that there is no marked increase in the incidence of serious felonies; and that a few armed and desperate men succeeded in making a very serious resistance, is but one of those unfortunate events in the history of a big city which are almost incidental to the successful suppression of criminal activities. There are dozens of armed robberies here every year, most of them of a minor character, in which men threaten their victims with daggers or pistols. True it is that the use of firearms has come increasingly into the picture within recent years, and police precautions have had to be redoubled in consequence, yet the authorities can be said to have tackled the problem of the new type of criminal with a good deal of success, and we are very far behind the bad record of such places as Shanghai, and even, latterly, of Singapore, as regards the cases of murders and hold-ups by what have come to be known as "gunmen." Statistics of local crime available for last year and for 1925, actually suggest that there has been a diminution in the incidence of serious felonies of all types. Yesterday's affair grew into the grave occurrence it was, owing to the police coming upon the armed robbers as they were leaving the scene of their haul. The robbery itself was similar to several others within past months, and the proceeds of the affair were small, just a couple of hundred dollars or so. Had the men got clear away, the report of the robbery would not have filled more than a few lines of the newspaper columns. It happened that they were stopped, showed fight, and possibly after realising that they had made their case far more desperate by drawing arms on the

police, cared not how much shooting they did afterwards. This specially applies to the man who is reported to have necessitated the longest pursuit on the part of the police.

If one looks back just within the past decade, there are several instances of similarly grave happenings in the annals of police encounters with armed criminals, whether on the island or the mainland, also with European officers involved. To take one affair still familiar to most residents of some years standing, there was the sensational shooting incident in Gresham Street, when the police were faced with an exhibition of extreme desperation on the part of the underworld of crime. It so happens that yesterday's incident occurred soon after particular attention had been drawn to the increasing crime wave in Shanghai, and local residents might assume that they are observing a reflection of such conditions here. But just as the Sydney Street affair did not make London any the less well-conducted in comparison with other great cities of the world, so Hongkong cannot be termed the more crime-ridden by reason of an occasional outbreak of the nature under consideration, however, regrettable from all points of view. If anything, it has again emphasised that in our police force we have a body of men ready to do their duty in the face of the greatest danger. The record is one of bravery on the part of all concerned,—there was, for instance, the outstanding case of the unarmed Chinese police searcher who tackled his man in the course of the hue and cry, and was instantly shot through the heart. In the final result one of the robbers was killed and two were taken into custody, one seriously wounded. The apprehension of the fourth man is only a matter of time, and the courts of justice will see that, if guilt be proved, the fullest reparation will be made. The hold-up of a small restaurant, with its miserable haul, has had a result which the robbers certainly never bargained for. It should, despite the very sad sequel for members of the force and their dependents, be a warning and a deterrent to the criminals in our midst, and a reassurance to the public that the defence of law and order is, as ever, in capable hands.

## Britain's Labour Leaders.

Political writers at Home who have been speculating on a possible change in the leadership of the Labour Party have been somewhat premature, for it is now announced that Mr. Ramsay MacDonald has been unanimously re-appointed Chairman and Parliamentary Leader of the Party, whilst Mr. J. R. Clynes continues to be the Deputy Chairman. There were fears a few months ago, following Mr. MacDonald's illness in the United States, that he would have to retire from active participation in political life; but, happily, these have not been realised. All Parties will be in every prospect of that there is every prospect of Mr. MacDonald leading the Labourites for an indefinite period, for he has undoubtedly proved himself the right man for the post. Like many another politician, in his earlier days he was rather revolutionary in outlook, but with age has come a more balanced outlook on life, whilst the sobering effects of responsibility, following his brief period as Prime Minister, are still apparent in his attitude to the big questions of the day. A man of marked mental power and undoubted ability, Mr. MacDonald has won the hearts of many who have no sympathy with his political opinions. During his prolonged absence from the House of Commons this year, Mr. Clynes ably deputised for him. Happily, neither of these men is to be counted an extremist—they are both Constitutional Labourites fighting for a cause which they believe to be right. So long as the Labour Party is directed by them, there need be no fear of its energies being turned in the direction of revolutionary activity.

## DAY BY DAY.

EAGLES FLY ALONE; THEY ARE BUT SHEEP WHICH ALWAYS HEED TOGETHER.—Sir Philip Sidney.

The s.s. Fook Hong undocked from Taikoo this morning, and anchored at Sham Shui Po.

Yesterday's return of notifiable diseases gives two cases of diphtheria, the sufferers in both cases being Portuguese.

The Rev. E. Bastin, formerly pastor of the Wesleyan Church at Wanchai, has been transferred to the Ceylon mission field.

The s.s. Kochow, arriving this morning, reports having been ashore at Samshui, but was refloated without damage.

The Rev. and Mrs. E. Dewstowe recently celebrated their silver wedding. Mr. Dewstowe is Chairman of the Wesleyan Mission, South China District.

It is understood that Captain Smith, of the s.s. Wing Hong, has applied for a Marine Court of Enquiry in respect of the recent collision between that ship and the s.s. Anjou in the West River.

Latest announcements are to the effect that the s.s. Morea, conveying the mails from London dated November 3, and a large number of returning residents, will not berth until 5 p.m. to-day.

A collision occurred yesterday at Sheung Shui between motor lorry No. 2175 and a military lorry No. 1272. The collision was a slight one, and resulted in lorry No. 2175 being damaged to a very small extent.

The K.O.S.B. carried out a march through the Western District this morning, headed by the pipes and band, returning to quarters at noon. The line of march attracted many Chinese spectators, the appearance of the troops being decidedly impressive.

Amongst the passengers who arrived by the Empress of Russia this morning were Lady Tyrwhitt, Miss Tyrwhitt, Commander R. M. Hunt, Paymaster E. T. Green, Flight Lieut. J. A. McDonald, Miss A. Brennan, Mr. and Mrs. A. McAlpine and Mr. H. A. L. Conant.

At Lung Wa Tau yesterday, a Chinese was knocked down by a motor-cycle. The rider failed to stop after the accident, and did not notify the police. The injured man was sent to the Kwong Wah Hospital for attention. The identity of the cyclist has not yet been established.

A youthful foki of a Chinese medicine shop, at No. 400 Des Voeux Road West, was admitted to the Government Civil Hospital at 3 o'clock this morning, after having been injured in the head and body when a few sacks of medicine, stored in an attic, fell on him while he was asleep.

This morning's Harbour Office reports gave 15 arrivals and 13 departures, of which six and four respectively were British, leaving 68 vessels in harbour, British 27. Tonnage showed a reduction, but there were good British cargo registers, making the second best inward and the two best through freights.

Pleading guilty to a charge of larceny of two iron shackles and a hammer from on board the s.s. President Pierce yesterday, a Chinese was this morning sentenced to six weeks' hard labour by Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy. Mr. A. M. Miller, of the Robert Dollar Line, prosecuted.

Of persons who unlawfully boarded the s.s. President Pierce, and sentenced to two months' imprisonment at the Marine Court yesterday, two were found to be returned banished on their receipt at Central. They were later brought up on this charge, and were sentenced to a further four months' imprisonment.

The funeral service over the remains of the late Special Constable G. V. Ivanoff, the Russian rites having been said, took place at Lokawel Cemetery, Shanghai, last Sunday afternoon. Large numbers of friends, former brother officers, and members of the Russian and international communities, attended. The gallant Special, it will be recalled, received shot wounds on Wednesday night which caused his death on Thursday. With Constable Ferguson he was in the vicinity of Kwan Road Bridge when armed ruffians shot at Specials on duty there. Hearing the sound of shots, he intercepted a fleeing Chinese, and was shot by him.

## MACAO NOTES.

## SOME INTERESTING ITEMS.

The Portuguese transport "Pero de Alemquer," which arrived from Portugal about a month ago and has since remained at anchor in the new port at Macao unloading stores and supplies, is proceeding to Shanghai to relieve the crew of the Portuguese cruiser "Admiral" at present stationed at Shanghai. On her return from Shanghai the transport will go into dock at Hongkong before proceeding on her return trip to Portugal.

## Bishop of Macao on Tour.

His Lordship the Bishop of Macao has returned from a tour of the Chinese districts of his diocese and expresses himself well pleased with the work that is going on in the Portuguese missions among the Chinese.

## Photographic Exhibition.

The Portuguese at Macao are making every effort so that the Photographic Exhibition to take place in January next will be a success. A particularly large entry is expected from Japan. From Hongkong too a good number of entries is expected, and Macao has recently been visited by numbers of photographers from Hongkong, who will naturally contribute a good number of pictures to the sections confined to Macao scenery, commercial activities at Macao, and Macao customs and local practices.

Among the pictures which have been promised for the Art Section are a number of paintings and sketches by Chinnery, Baptista, Capt. Elliot, and others, all of great historical interest. Many old photographs and a number of paintings and sketches by modern painters have also been promised. This exhibition is probably the first of its kind and will evidently arouse an unprecedented interest in art circles in this part of the world.

## Race Meeting.

The last Race Meeting of the Macao Race Club for this year takes place at Macao on Sunday, December 11th. The entry is a good one and local interest in racing is slowly, but surely, being aroused. For the convenience of Hongkong racing enthusiasts a special excursion steamer, the s.s. Lungshan, will make the trip over from Hongkong, leaving the British Colony at 8.30 a.m., and leaving Macao, on the return trip at 5 p.m.

FINES FOR OWNERS OF  
UNLICENSED DOGS.BATCH OF CASES THIS  
MORNING.

Among the weekly batch of summonses against dog owners heard at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning were several cases in which European residents of the Peninsula were charged with keeping animals without an appropriate license from the Captain Superintendent of Police.

A lady who answered a summons taken out against her husband, for keeping a black and brown mongrel dog without a license was fined \$5. A plea of forgetfulness was put forward by Mr. R. C. Wickett whose offence was that of keeping a fox-terrier without a license. The defendant said that it was a matter of not renewing his old license. A fine was imposed.

Mr. F. E. Lawrence was also fined \$5 for keeping a brown dog without a license. The defendant said that he was under the impression that a dog did not require a license until six months old.

A fine of \$5 was imposed on Mr. C. O. Baptista, of No. 568, Nathan Road, for keeping an unlicensed Airedale dog, while a summons against Mr. A. Rosini, of No. 311, Nathan Road, for keeping two chow dogs without licenses, was adjourned for one week, the defendant failing to appear this morning.

## EXCHANGE RATES.

	London, Dec. 7.
Paris	124
Brussels	24.00
Amsterdam	12.07
Borlia	20.44
Copenhagen	18.20
Vienna	34.62 1/2
Helsingfors	193 1/2
Lisbon	2.7/16
Bucharest	790
Buenos Aires	47.7/8
Shanghai	2.7/4
Yokohama	1.7/10 1/2
New York	4.88 3/32
Genoa	25.25
Milan	80.00
Stockholm	18.08
Oslo	18.34 1/2
Prague	164 1/4
Madrid	29.60
Athens	367 1/2
Rio	5.29/32
Bombay	1/6.1/16
Hongkong	2/0.3/8
Silver (spot)	22 1/2
Silver (forward)	22 1/2

—British Wireless.

## The Very Idea!

The barber was very cheerful and chatty as he lathered his customer's chin.

"No, sir," he said, "I used to give credit, but I don't now. In fact, nobody asks for it now."

"How's that?" asked the customer.

"Well, sir, I once had a set of customers who used to ask me to chalk it up, but they kept me waiting so long that I got tired of keeping books and started a new system. Whenever I shaved one of them I put a little tick in his nose and kept tally that way. It was wonderful how soon they went back to the old plan of paying for each shave at the time."

The customer's voice trembled slightly as his lathered lips moved, and he said:—

"Do you object to being paid in advance?"

Beat me, kick me, cheat me, lick me,  
Throw me down the stairs;  
Gash me, pound me, slash me, hound me,  
Make me say my prayers:  
Though we'll always have a fight,  
Life, I'll love you just for spite!

Mrs. Bridget Williams, of Poplar-street, Canning Town, who stated that she contracted dermatitis, a skin disease, from the fur collar of a coat, was awarded £50, with costs, at Bow County Court, against Mrs. Jane Lewis, of Victoria Dock-road, Canning Town, for breach of warranty in the sale of the coat, which was bought, at her shop.

"Has your husband any means?" asked the Willesden magistrate when a wife made an application to him.

The wife: Yes, I happen to know that he is a member of a yacht club.

The husband, in surprise: May I ask how you obtained that information?

Wife: Certainly. I searched your pockets while you were in the bath and found the receipt for your subscription.

She shyly entered the bank, and going up to one of the pay clerks presented him with a crossed cheque.

"I'm very sorry," he said politely, "but I cannot pay this across the counter."

"Oh, never mind," she said with an engaging smile. "I'll come round that side."

Mr. Jolly, counsel, cross-examining a man in Mr. Justice Eve's Court recently: Are you a lay preacher?

The man: Am I what?

Do you preach at all on Sunday?—What do you mean? I am a wheel-wright.

Are you also a preacher?—I don't understand what you mean.

Mr. Justice Eve: Do you ever go into the pulpit?

The man: This is the nearest I have ever been to one.

And this happened in Massachusetts. A school committee was visiting a classroom. After the class had read one of Webster's speeches the visitor asked one boy, "Who was Webster?"

"A statesman," the boy replied. "But what is a statesman?" the visitor asked.

"A man who goes around making speeches," replied the lad.

"That is not quite right," said the committee man. "I go around making speeches yet I am not a statesman."

"I know," spoke up a bright little fellow. "A statesman is a man who goes around making good speeches."

He rushed into the bar. "Give me a pint of beer before the row starts," he said.

The barman produced the drink and he promptly drank it. "Give me another pint, quick, before the row begins."

When he had done this three times the barman asked—"What's this row about, and when is it going to start?"

"It starts now," he said. "I've no money to pay for the beer."

From a book on Food Values:—"Professor Benedict has stated that it requires one calorie to rise from a sitting position in front of a door, turn the key in the lock and sit down again. No fault can be found with the getting-up and the sitting-down again, but to ask a poor little calorie to turn a key in the lock savours somewhat of cruelty."

The wedding of Miss Esther Mary Kotewall, the daughter of the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., and Mrs. Kotewall, and Mr. Shiu Kai Leo will take place on Wednesday, December 21st. Following the marriage ceremony a reception will be held at Hatton House, 57, Conduit Road.

## CANTON AFFAIRS.

## PROPOSED 20-CENT NOTES.

## TSE YING-PAK'S FUTURE.

According to a Canton report, communication, conditions on the West River are returning to normal. Formerly there were four steamers running between Canton and Wuchow, these being the s.s. Tin Ding, s.s. Tin Chau, s.s. Man On and s.s. Kwok Tai. Since the Canton coup, the two former steamers have suspended their services, but the other two are still plying as usual. With the exception that when vessels arriving at Wuchow are subjected to a vigilant search by two small Kwangsi gunboats before passengers and cargo are allowed off the ships; conditions on the West River are quiet.

## New Bank Notes.

A vernacular report declares that in view of the tightness of money and the bank note trouble, the Canton Government has decided to issue, in the near future, small denomination bank notes, of 20 and 50 cents each. The new notes are said to be in process of printing and will soon be issued. Most of the money-changers' shops in Canton have agreed to accept Central Bank notes and it is also said that the price of copper cents has risen considerably.

Regarding the small denomination notes, another report says that the Commissioner of Finance yesterday declared that if the bank note trouble is overcome, the Government might see fit to suspend the issuing of these notes.

## General Wang Shao-hung.

General Wang Shao-hung, the deposed Kwangsi military leader, has arrived at Wuchow, the present headquarters of the Kwangsi forces, according to a Chinese source. The same report adds that upon his arrival, a reception was given by the Wuchow Government officials.

Two telegrams were despatched by Wang Shao-hung to Generals Li Chai-sum and Pei Chung-hsi, explaining the situation during and after the coup at Canton. Wang states that he boarded a vessel for Pakhoi from Hongkong, and from Pakhoi he came back to Wuchow.

## Kongmoon Captured.

The report that Kongmoon has been captured by the "Ironsides" is confirmed. Some time ago, the Canton Military Council appointed Mr. Tse Ying-pak, the present Canton Commissioner for Labour, as Field Marshal of all the armies in Southern Kwangtung. Following the news that Kongmoon had been taken by the "Ironsides," Tse Ying-pak has announced that he will probably establish his headquarters at Kongmoon, directing the two regiments belonging to the 5th Army, one regiment of the 2nd Division of the "Ironsides."

However, another Canton report says that Tse will not take the position of Field-Marshal, for, as Commissioner for Labour, he is too busy to be able to accept an additional post. The probability is that General Hsieh Yo will become Field-Marshal. The troops under Hsieh Yo some time ago returned to Canton from the North River districts and it is learned that many of his men are still in Canton.

## General Chang Fat-kwa.

At the 75th session of the Canton Political Council at Canton, General Chang Fat-kwa, the leader of the "Ironsides," tendered his resignation as Commissioner of the Political Council on the ground that, being a Commissioner of the Canton Military Council, he had no time to take up two high positions at the same time. It is said that General Chang's proposal will be considered by the Political Commissioners at an early meeting.

Mr. Chau Min-cho, the Commissioner of Finance in Kwangtung, has been appointed by the Canton Government to act as the Chief Director of the Central Bank.

## INTERNATIONAL HEALTH.

## LEAGUE CONSIDERS CHIEF RAVAGES.

Geneva, Dec. 7. Leprosy, malaria, small-pox, cancer, and sleeping sickness, are among the subjects on which a report of the health committee of the League was adopted to-day. It recommends measures for international co-operation, and suggests a further conference of experts to continue the campaign against sleeping sickness.—*Reuter*.

## FATAL MOTOR CAR ACCIDENT.

## CHAUFFEUR CHARGED WITH MANSLAUGHTER.

## DIMMING OF LIGHTS.

The case in which Sandi Khan, the driver of motor car No. 1965, belonging to Mr. C. Bernard Brown, is charged with manslaughter in connection with the death of a Chinese girl in an accident in Connaught Road West, was continued before Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Central Magistracy this morning. The defendant is further charged with refusing to stop when called upon to do so by a police officer, and also with dangerous driving.

Sub-inspector C. F. Alexander is prosecuting and Mr. Leo D'Almada is defending. Mr. R. A. Wadson is watching the case on behalf of the owner.

This morning Sub-inspector A. H. Mason was cross-examined by Mr. D'Almada. Witness said that he had had experience of traffic conditions in the Colony. If the defendant had taken the route which he was supposed to have done, he would have travelled through a thickly populated area. At the time of the accident, the wharves for the Mueno and Canton steamers were usually congested. In that district it would be correct to drive on the left centre of the road.

## Question of Dimming.

Mr. D'Almada asked witness whether if a driver of one car met another car with full lights on, it would be his duty to dim his lights.

Mr. Lindell remarked that there was no question of duty, there being no regulation to that effect. He added that it was still a disputed point as to whether motorists should dim or not.

Mr. D'Almada altered his question to, whether it would be wise to dim lights.

Witness replied that, taking into consideration the width of the road, about 60 feet, and the fact that it was lighted, he did not consider that it would be necessary to dim lights.

If one car should dim, would it not then be the duty of the other car to dim also?—It would not be his duty, but it would be the courtesy of the road.

Mr. Lindell: Would it? Do you consider it the courtesy of the road to dim?—Well, if a car dimmed and I was driving in the opposite direction, I should certainly dim my lights.

Mr. D'Almada:—Certainly, you agree there.

Against Dimming.

Mr. D'Almada:—When dimmers are used it is not so easy to see traffic as if full lights were on?—No.

Mr. Lindell:—That, of course, is a great argument against dimming.

In reply to further questions, witness said he had come to the conclusion that the car must have been going at the rate of 30 miles an hour, or at a fairly fast speed. He had deduced that from his own examination of the car itself and from other source.

The case is proceeding.

## RETURNED BANISHEE SENTENCED.

## BACK WITHIN SIX MONTHS.

Before Mr. R. E. Lindell this morning, a Chinese was charged with returning from banishment after having been sent away from the Colony for ten years.

Inspector Vincent, reading the man's record to the Magistrate, disclosed the fact that the defendant was sentenced in December, 1925, to four months' imprisonment for larceny and for receiving stolen goods. In June this year he was confidentially banished for ten years after having been caught in the company of bad characters.

Mr. Lindell imposed a sentence of twelve months' hard labour and twelve strokes.

## SANITARY BOARD VACANCY.

## MR. J. P. BRAGA RETURNED UNOPPOSED.

For the vacancy on the Sanitary Board caused by the expiration of Dr. J. C. Macgown's period of service, the only candidate nominated is Mr. J. P. Braga, who will therefore be returned unopposed.

Mr. Braga was proposed by Mr. B. Wylie and seconded by Mr. C. M. Manners, O.B.E. He has recently been serving on the Board during the absence of Dr. W. V. M. Koch, and in view of the keen interest which he has shown in sanitary affairs his return to a seat will be welcomed by the public generally.

## THE U. S. BUDGET.

## BIG RESERVES FOR DEFENCE.

## MORE SHIPS &amp; AEROPLANES.

Washington, Dec. 7. President Coolidge has presented his Budget to Congress. It amounts to \$4,268,793,765.

The total appropriations approved by Mr. Coolidge exceed last year's by \$224,222,641, and the current year's by \$118,649,219.

The largest item for national defence is \$645,000,000, which is an increase of \$20,000,000 compared with the last Budget, mainly due to naval building, army housing, and the continuation of the five years' aviation programme if Congress approves the Budget.

## Navy and Army.

The total expenditure available for the navy in 1928 will be \$347,000,000, making an increase of \$48,000,000.

## ORDER TO CHINESE BANKS.

## Details of Affairs Demanded.

Shanghai, Dec. 8.

The Nationalist Government has issued an edict to the Chinese banks, demanding details as to their capital, reserves, stocks of bullion, silver, note issues, and the names of depositors and details as to their accounts.

This has been the cause of a great deal of agitation, owing to speculation as to the motive behind the order, and a wholesale transfer to foreign banks is anticipated.

—Our Own Correspondent.

The total establishment of the army is placed at 118,750 enlisted men, which is slightly larger than at present, plus 12,000 officers.

The appropriations for the military and naval air services give the navy 696 out of 1,000 aeroplanes provided in the five-year programme, and the army 1,800 aeroplanes.

## More Air Routes.

Funds will be available in 1928 for 10,000 miles of lighted air routes contemplated by the Department of Commerce.

Prohibition enforcement will cost nearly \$600,000, less than before, thanks to economies in the administration.

Two submarines and eight cruisers will be under construction in 1928. Two of these cruisers will practically be completed in 1929.

Money is also recommended for the modernisation of the battleships Oklahoma and Nevada. An airship has already been authorised by Congress.—*Reuter's American Service*.

## RUBBER SHARES.

## LATEST QUOTATIONS.

Messrs. Carroll Bros. notify the following quotations of rubber shares:

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Sandycrofts	2.75
Scudals	8.40
Sungel Bagans	4.60
Tapahs	3.15
Tambalaks	1.60
Teluk Ansons	3.05
United Malaccas	2.55
Utah Simpans	4.00

The price of raw rubber is 71 cents per lb.

## NANKING AND CANTON COUP.

## ORDER FOR ARREST OF TWO GENERALS.

## COMMUNISM ALLEGED.

As a sequel to the recent Canton coup, the Nanking Nationalist Government has issued a proclamation ordering the arrest of General Chang Fat-kwa and General Wang Ki-cheung on a charge of conspiracy with the Communist Party and treason against the Kuomintang.

The issuance of the proclamation definitely reveals that the Canton coup was of Communist origin.

The proclamation was issued by the Nationalist Government Council in accordance with a decision reached at its 21st meeting last Friday. Armed military measures are to be taken to enforce it.

## Text Of The Mandate.

The punitive mandate reads: "The attention of the Nationalist Government Council has been called to a report filed by the Military Council to the effect that Chang Fat-kwa and Wang Ki-cheung hsiang have revolted in Kwangtung against the Government in conspiracy with their communist partisans, and also to the telegram from General Li Chai-sum, detailing their numerous crimes and petitioning the Government to take stern measures against them.

"It is to be recalled that both Chang Fat-kwa and Wang Ki-cheung were by order of the Government to carry on the Northern Punitive Expedition, but in defiance of the Government's order, they have instead marched their troops to the south, bringing suffering to Kwangsi and causing much disturbance in Kwangtung. Their crimes had long merited stern punishment, but the Government, considering that they both were generals of the army of the Party, had shown extraordinary clemency in the hope that they might soon repent their misdeeds.

"However, contrary to such expectations, they were found to harbour dangerous intentions. Immediately upon their return to Kwangtung, they allied themselves with the Communists, creating disturbance in the rear in order to hinder the progress of the Northern Punitive Expedition. They have revolted against both the Government and the Party, and have made peace with and prosperous province of Kwangtung into a refuge of rebels.

"The Government, therefore, hereby orders that Chang Fat-kwa and Wang Ki-cheung be dismissed from their offices and that they be immediately arrested for trial and punishment. And it is further ordered that the Military Council be instructed to dispatch adequate forces to suppress and exterminate the rebels by different routes in order to deliver the people from their present suffering and to carry out the Government's good intention to uproot all malefactors."

## FORMER HONGKONG PRODUCER.

## MR. SINCLAIR'S SUCCESS IN AMERICA.

Friends of Mr. Walter Sinclair, formerly of Hongkong, will hear with gratification of the success of the first play which he produced at the Little Theatre, New Orleans, of which he was recently appointed Director.

The play, "The Mask and the Face," by C. B. Fernald, is a satirical comedy in three acts, and it ran for a week at the Little Theatre. A dramatic critic, commenting on the production, stated that Mr. Sinclair did a worthy piece of work. The direction was "smooth to near-perfection," whilst the settings were "lovely with a satisfying quietness."

The second play under Mr. Sinclair's production was to be St. John Ervine's famous work, "John Ferguson." It is intended to produce a dramatized version of Thackeray's Fireside Pantheon, "The Rose and the Ring," as a Christmas offering, whilst for the remaining four productions this season, the choice will be made of the following plays.

"The Cardinal,"—A romantic play of the Medici, by L. N. Parker.

"The House,"—A new play, not yet presented in America, by H. F. Rubenstein.

"Right You Are When You Think You Are,"—By L. Plandello.

"Saturday's Children,"—By Maxwell Anderson.

"Anna Christie,"—By Eugene O'Neill.

"Heartbreak House,"—By G. B. Shaw.

"The Adventurer,"—By Hugh Ross, a historical drama, not yet presented on any stage.

## DIVIDED CHINA.

## PLEA FOR REGIONAL RECOGNITION.

## U. S. SENATOR'S VIEW.

Among the many proposals for a revision of American policy in China is one, sponsored by Senator Hiram Bingham of Connecticut, for recognition or at any rate, direct friendly contact with the numerous Governments, which from time to time, set themselves up in various parts of China. Broadly, there are two Governments in China, the recognized Government in Peking and the Nationalist Government in Nanking. Actually, neither of these governments exercises a very wide or definite control beyond one or two provinces.

This lack of control from a central organ is no new condition to China: there has been a progressive lessening in authority since the Taiping Rebellion which began long before the foreigners had made their very potent impress upon China. At the beginning of November, writes Mr. George E. Sokolsky in the *Far Eastern Review*, there were ten Government groups in China, more or less independent as circumstances permitted. Through a series of battles and political manoeuvres, this number has been reduced. At the moment of writing a political map of China would show the following:

1. Peking Government: Manchuria, Chihli, Shantung, parts of Honan, Mongolia, Kiangsu and Anhui, and a railroad corridor to Shansi. This Government controls the Tientsin-Pukow, Peking-Mukden, Peking-Suiyuan and part of the Kinhan Railways.

2. Nanking Government: Part of Kiangsu, Chekiang, Kiangsi, Fukien, Kwangtung, Kwangsi, Hupeh, Hunan, part of Kiangsu and Anhui. It controls the Shanghai-Nanking, Shanghai-Hangchow and part of the Tientsin-Pukow line.

Its greatest physical importance, however, arises from its control of the Yangtze and West Rivers. It also possesses the cities of Canton, Shanghai and Hankow, three of the four principal trading cities of China.

3. Yen Shih-shan: This general is now fighting the Peking Government for the possession of the province of Shansi, which he has held for 16 years. He is now in alliance with the Nanking Government but it is expected that he will shortly go over to the Peking Government.

4. Feng Yu-hsiang: This general holds part of Honan, Shensi and Kansu—the north-western provinces. He is in alliance with Nanking but is, in fact, independent. He is also in alliance (at present somewhat indefinite), with Soviet Russia.

## Absolute Independence.

5. Szechuan: This province is an enormous state within itself on the upper reaches of the Yangtze. It has for years been independent of any political control by any outside group. The generals within it partition the province among themselves and often conduct wars on their own. Those wars affect political conditions in Hunan, Hupeh and Yunnan.

6. Yunnan: This province empties into French Indo-China and is economically dominated by a French railway which provides it with the only outlet to the rest of the world. The population is partly Chinese and partly aboriginal. To a very large extent, Yunnan dominates the poorer province of Kweichow.

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## HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

## TO-DAY'S QUESTIONS.

The following general knowledge paper has been taken from the *Daily Express*.

Answers, for those who need them, will be found on Page 14 of this issue.

1. Who is the Lord Chief Justice of England?
2. Who are these people: Emil Ludwig, Dr. Hensley Henson, M. Donnerberg, Sir Walford Davies, Rebecca West, Frank Hodgson?
3. By what name was the Gunpowder Plot formerly known?
4. In what book does Dingley Dell appear?
5. How far are the Solily Isles from Land's End?
6. To whom did Ben Jonson address the poem, "Drink to me only with thine eyes"?
7. Give the meaning of apogee.
8. Who composed the "Passion according to St. Matthew"?
9. How many pints are there in a gallon?
10. What is the "Blue Peter"?
11. When was England converted to Christianity?
12. In what year was the Panama Canal opened for navigation?

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CHATER ROAD.

Plans for the overhaul of London's tube trains at a cost of £2,500,000 were announced by the officials of the Underground Electric Railways Company. The scheme involves the scrapping of

most of the present rolling stock, some of which, as in the case of the District Railway, is more than twenty years old. The improvements will enable the company to run longer and faster trains, better lighted and ventilated carriages,

and with more comfortable seating accommodation. The carriages will have pneumatically operated doors. There are also to be new motors giving three or four times the power for the present weight, and new control equipment.

### SOVIET CELEBRATION.

#### BRITISH LABOURITES IN MOSCOW.

London, Nov. 9. "Nobody must stay at home. Everybody must be in the streets to swell the mighty living currents, converging on Lenin's Mausoleum," were the Soviet's orders to celebrate the Soviet Anniversary, says the Riga correspondent of the Times.

The parade included, without precedent, "National cavalry formations, from the eastern peoples, including Turkomans and Caucasians."

M. Kallinin, M. Bukharin, Mr. W. Gallagher, British miners' leader, and M. Saklatvala, Communist M.P., were among the orators at the Lenin Mausoleum, who emphasised that "Bolshevism had brought the world to the brink of ruin. It will shortly fall, enabling the establishment of Soviets throughout the world," he said.

The celebrations included a two-day theatrical representation, broadcast through Russia, of the events of the last decade, giving prominence to the general strike, the "T.U.C. traitors," and Sir Austen Chamberlain's, Mr. Baldwin's, and Mr. Winston Churchill's part in it, declaring that the murder of M. Volokoff, Soviet Charge d'Affaires in Warsaw in June, was assassinated from London. The scene culminates with a British delegate paying tribute in broken Russian to the Soviet's progress.

#### Rioters Suppressed.

The Berlin correspondent of the Daily News says that M. Trotsky and M. Kameneff were howled down when they attempted to address the anniversary demonstrations in the suburbs of Moscow. M. Zinovieff and M. Radek were similarly treated.

The Leningrad police, assisted by the mob, demolished the portraits of Trotsky and Zinovieff, which were displayed in the shops. The cavalry has been withdrawn from the parade to suppress the opposition rioters in Moscow. Many arrests have been made.

## THE WORLD OF SPORT

### PHIL SCOTT TO MEET JOHNNY RISCO.

#### THIRD AMERICAN CONTEST IN FIVE WEEKS.

#### HUNDRED PER CENT. BETTER.

London, Dec. 7. Phil Scott, the British heavy-weight champion, will appear in the ring for the third time in less than five weeks to-morrow against Johnny Risko, the Cleveland fighter. The contest will be over ten rounds and is being contested at Baker, commencing at 4 a.m. Greenwich Time.

Scott's manager states that Scott is one hundred per cent. better to-day than when he landed in America. Scott's first fight in New York ended in the first round, Knute Hansen punishing him severely. There was much Press criticism of the British fighter, but on November 29th, he knocked out Wayne Munn in the tenth round after having the better of the contest from beginning to end.—Reuter.

Risko won on points.—Reuter.

### SCHOOL SPORTS.

#### INTER-HOUSE GAMES AT DIOCESAN SCHOOL.

On Friday last the Diocesan Boys' School held their House Sports on the School ground behind the temporary premises on Nathan Road.

The School is divided for the sake of games into four houses each of which conducted its own sports independently of the others. Later the four houses will compete against each other in Inter-House Sports. In accordance with the custom of the Diocesan Boys' School no prizes were awarded. While possibly no records were broken a satisfactory feature was the large proportion of boys who entered for at least one event; altogether no less than 54 boys obtained places, first, second, or third.

All the necessary work, secretarial, starting, judging etc. was done by the senior boys, each house having elected a committee of seven. The senior results were as follows:

#### Yellow House.

100 yards.—1, Leung Cheuk-kau; 2, Ma Chiu-chong; 3, W. Kew.  
440 yards.—1, Ma Chiu-chong; 2, Leung Cheuk-kau; 3, Shu Sung-pok.  
1 Mile.—1, J. Channings; 2, B. Chan; 3, J. Willis.  
Long Jump.—1, Pong Pun-fong; 2, Leung Cheuk-kau; 3, W. Kew.  
Distance: 16 ft. 6 ins.  
High Jump.—1, Leung Cheuk-kau; 2, Ma Chiu-chong.  
Height: 4 ft. 8 ins.

#### Blue House.

100 yards.—1, Chow Hon-shu; 2, S. Christie; 3, J. Shaw.  
440 yards.—1, J. Shaw; 2, Chow Hon Shu.  
High Jump.—1, D. Anderson; 2, S. Christie.  
Height: 4 ft. 6 ins.  
Long Jump.—1, S. Christie; 2, D. Anderson; 3, J. Shaw.  
Distance: 16 ft. 4 ins.

#### Brown House.

100 yards.—1, B. Wong; 2, A. Lee; 3, Tsan-sheng.  
440 yards.—1, R. Kavarana; 2, Chan Tsan-sheng.  
High Jump.—1, Kan Po-chi; 2, B. Wong.  
Height: 4 ft. 7 ins.  
Long Jump.—1, A. Lee; 2, B. Wong; 3, Cheng Kam-to.  
Height: 16 ft. 11 ins.

#### Green House.

100 yards.—1, Kan Yuet-hing; 2, F. Zimmerman; 3, Wong Chong-tai.  
440 yards.—1, Kan Yuet-hing; 2, O. Taudien; 3, G. Winch.  
1 Mile.—1, G. White; 2, Wong Wai-sum; 3, G. Kotewall.  
Long Jump.—1, H. Jackson; 2, Kan Yuet-hing; 3, Wong Kam-pui.  
Distance: 14 ft. 9 ins.  
High Jump.—1, H. Jackson; 2, Kan Yuet-hing.  
Height: 4 ft. 9 ins.

The Junior results were:  
Yellow House.  
100 yards.—1, Cheng Chee; 2, Chan Ip-ting; 3, Kuan Sze-chiu.  
220 yards.—1, Chan Ip-ting; 2, Wong Man-leung; 3, N. Broadbridge.  
Half Mile.—1, Woo Yee-mo; 2, Wong Man-leung; 3, N. Broadbridge.  
Long Jump.—1, Cheng Chee; 2, Kuan Sze-chiu; 3, F. Martin.  
Distance: 14 ft. 9 ins.  
High Jump.—1, Cheng Chee; 2, Chan Ip-ting; 3, F. Martin.  
Height: 4 ft. 3 ins.

#### Blue House.

100 yards.—1, A. Hunt; 2, K. Kavarana; 3, H. L. Pau.  
220 yards.—1, A. Hunt; 2, Cheng Kwong-hin; 3, Wong Kam-yin.  
Half Mile.—1, A. Hunt; 2, V. White; 3, G. Glover.  
Long Jump.—1, Wong Kam-yin; 2, Cheng Kwong-hin; 3, G. T. Lee.  
Distance: 12 ft. 4 ins.  
High Jump.—1, Cheng Kwong-hin; 2, Wong Kam-yin.  
Height: 8 ft. 7 ins.

#### Brown House.

100 yards.—1, B. Wong; 2, S. Broadbridge.

### "BROKEN TIME" PAYMENT.

#### BRITAIN SOLID FOR PURE AMATEURISM.

#### ANXIOUS TO SUPPORT GAMES.

Great Britain is solidly against "broken time," a system of allowing payment to amateur athletes who, while representing their country in sport, would otherwise lose salary or other payment for their work.

About forty delegates, representing national sports bodies, attended a meeting convened by the British Olympic Association, at the Stadium Club, London, last month. Lord Rochdale presided, and at the end of a meeting, which lasted about two hours, the following resolutions were submitted:—

(1) "That this meeting strongly disapproves of any payment for 'broken time'—(Carried unanimously.)"

(2) "That this meeting of representatives of the sporting associations whose sport is included in the Olympic Games, endorses the British Olympic Association's resolution of protest, and, while it is of the opinion that the action of the Executive Committee has seriously prejudiced the prestige of the Olympic Games in the world of amateur sport, feels, nevertheless, that each individual sport in this country is justified—if its governing body so desires—in supporting its own section of the Olympic Games, so long as the International Federation controlling that section is emphatically opposed to all payments for broken time, however directly or indirectly payment may be made."

#### Control of the Games.

"This meeting is further of opinion that the next Olympic Congress should take strong measures to secure that the control of the Olympic Games is left in the hands of a committee directly responsible and deriving their power solely from the Congress itself"—(Carried without dissent.)

The resolutions passed at the meeting of the sports associations proved complete solidarity in British sport against the principle of "broken time."

It would seem that Great Britain will support the Games in spite of strong protest against broken time being allowed. The second resolution may be considered as a mandate that each individual sport should decide for itself, and so long as the International Federation controlling a particular sport is prepared to declare its opposition to "broken time" payment, the British governing body in that sport would be justified in supporting the Games.

#### Anxious to Support.

The atmosphere has been cleared a little, but not a lot. It is clear for example, that Britain will not tolerate broken time, and it is just as clear that the nation is anxious to support the Games.

It may be taken for granted that every delegate was able to express the views of the organisation he represented, for in most cases, extraordinary or other meetings had been held by the sporting associations prior to the conference convened by the British Olympic Association.

For example, the delegates of the National Cyclists' Union were instructed to enter a strong protest on behalf of the N. C. U. against the suggestion of "broken time," this instruction having been passed on to them at the half-yearly meeting of the Council.

220 yards.—1, R. Reed; 2, C. Spradbury.  
Long Jump.—1, B. Wong; 2, C. Spradbury; 3, S. Broadbridge.  
Distance: 16 ft. 8 ins.  
High Jump.—1, B. Wong; 2, Wong Kam-kee.  
Height: 3 ft. 8 ins.

#### Green House.

100 yards.—1, A. Crawford; 2, Wong Sik-hon; 3, F. Smith.  
220 yards.—1, A. Crawford; 2, Wong Sik-hon; 3, F. Smith.  
Half Mile.—1, A. Crawford; 2, Wong Sik-hon; 3, A. Prata.  
Long Jump.—1, A. Crawford; 2, Wong Sik-hon; 3, J. Winch.  
Distance: 13 ft. 4 ins.  
High Jump.—1, A. Crawford; 2, Wong Sik-hon; 3, J. Winch.  
Height: 3 ft. 9 ins.

#### Football and Tennis.

The Inter-House football and tennis matches were concluded last week Yellow House in each case being the winners.

In football they had the splendid record of 12-0 against Blue, 7-0 against Brown, 7-0 against Green and 6-0 against a combined team from these three houses.

In tennis teams of four competed. Yellow House beat Blue House by 87 games to 7, Green House by 81 games to 13 and Brown House by 34 games to 10.

### "MERRIE ENGLAND."

#### A PROMISING DRESS REHEARSAL.

The dress rehearsal of the Philharmonic Society's production, "Merrie England," was held at the Theatre Royal last night and gave every indication that the Society is putting on a show that will prove very popular. In addition to extremely good acting and singing, there is a feast of colour that makes the stage appear a veritable fairyland. Judging by the excellence of the rehearsal, there seems little doubt but what the Society will score one of its greatest successes.

The rehearsal was open to Service men and the opening night, for the general public is to-morrow. The opera will be continued during next week, with a matinee on Wednesday.

### OUR FOOTBALL COMPETITION.

#### PRIZE OF \$50 WEEKLY.

The "Hongkong Telegraph" offers a prize of \$50 to the readers who send in twelve correct forecasts of the results of the English Cup matches (to be played on Saturday next, December 10th) set out in the Coupon below. No goal scores are required; only forecasts showing wins or draws.

In the event of no reader forecasting all twelve matches, a prize of \$25 will be given to the reader who sends in the greatest number of correct forecasts; and in the event of two or more readers sending in an equal high number, the prize of \$25 will be divided.

The competition is in accordance with the rules published in the Telegraph during the weeks August 29—September 24.

### "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" FORECAST COMPETITION.

Matches to be played on December 10th:—

#### ENGLISH CUP.

Bradford City	v	Rotherham U.
Crewe	v	Stockport
Darlington	v	Rochdale
Tranmere R.	v	Halifax T.
New Brighton	v	Rhyl
Bournemouth	v	Bristol R.
Gillingham	v	Southend U.
Luton	v	Norwich C.
Swindon	v	Crystal Palace
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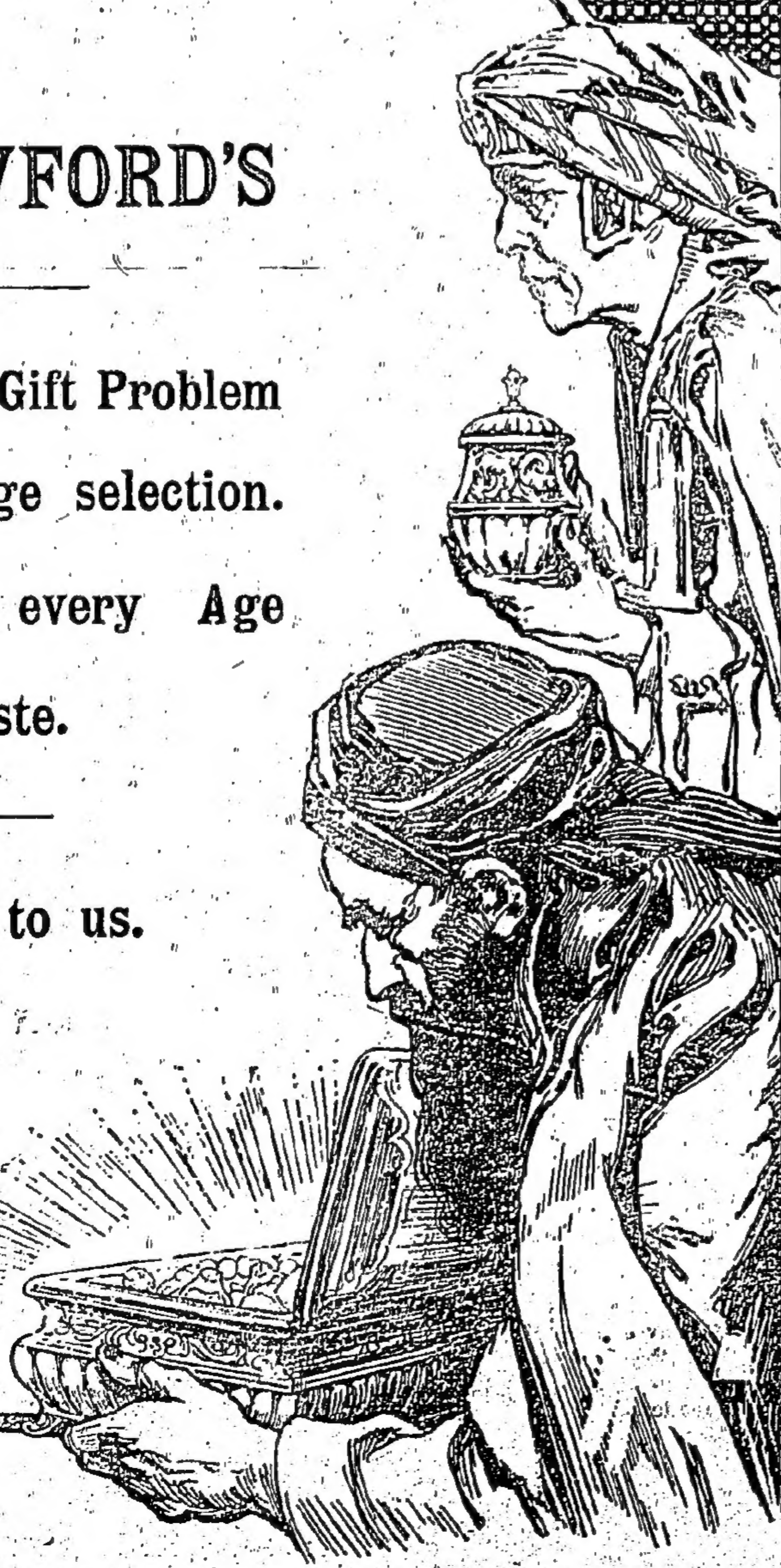
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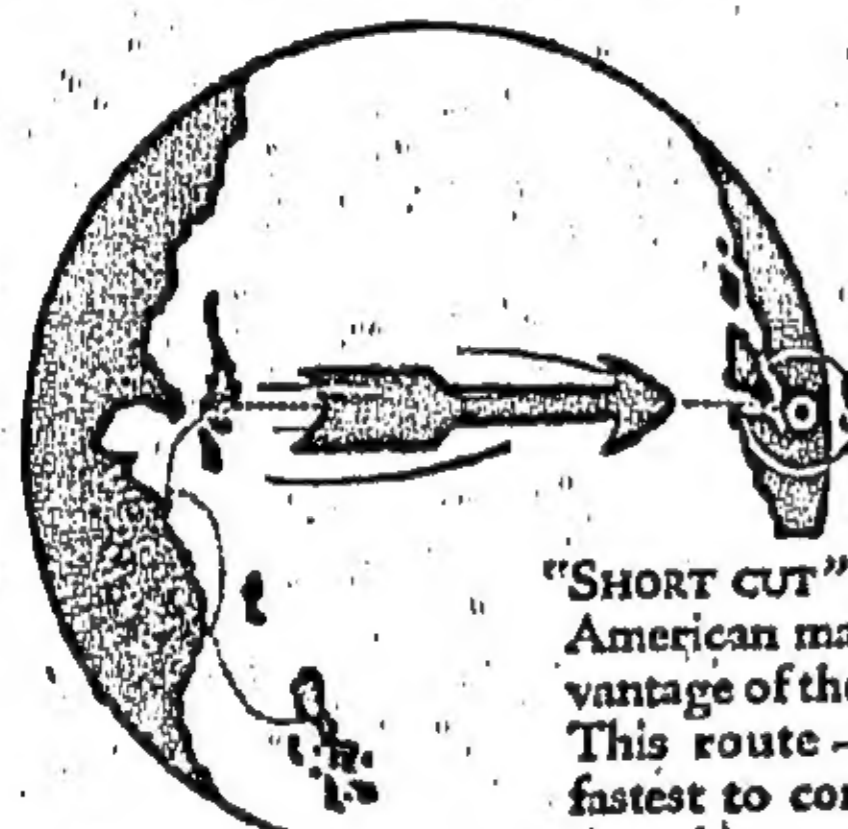
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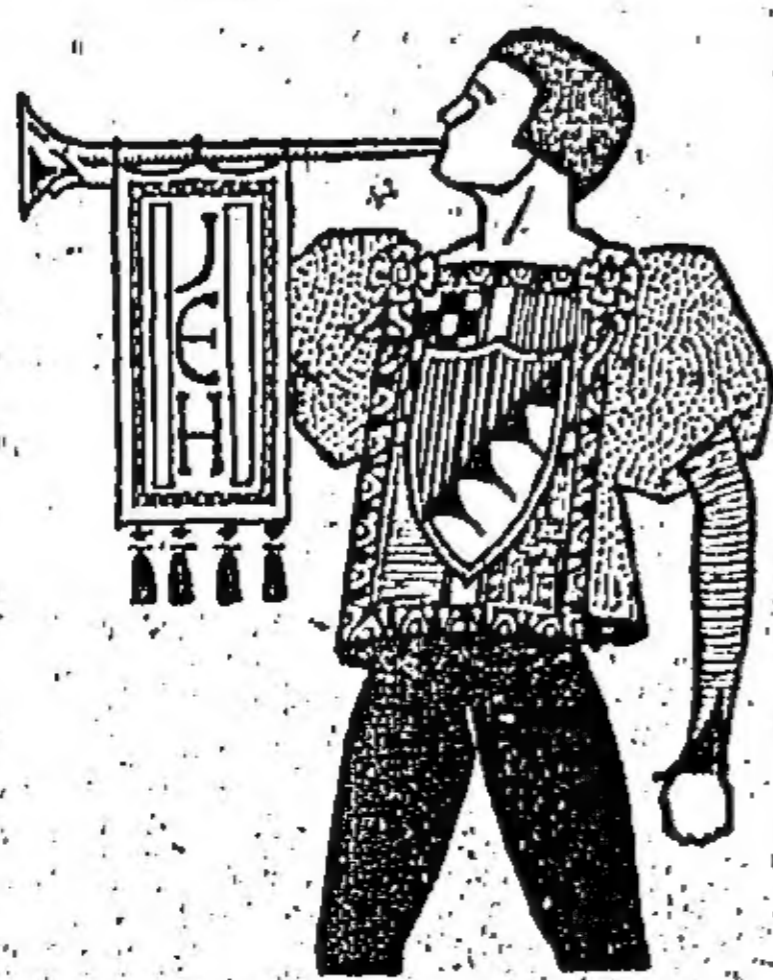
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## NEW TERRITORIES SHOW.

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"Duro" Deep Well Pump.—This type of pump is capable of drawing water from any depth up to 200 feet, and against heads of 150 feet. It could not be shown in operation, but was merely on exhibition.

Hydro-Electric and Wind Driven Electric Light and Power Plants.—This company also had on exhibition pictures of two recent types of private electric plants, showing their manner of installation. The water-driven type is adaptable to provide current for any required purpose wherever a small stream of running water is available, and is the latest development in this field of engineering. Its most salient feature is the low cost of operation and maintenance, as after the initial expense (no more than the usual liquid fuel plant) no further disbursements are required other than for a little lubricating oil every month or so.

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## THE POULTRY SECTION.

Some Excellent Livestock on Exhibition.

In the Poultry and Live Stock Section (not for competition) Mr. A. E. B. de Souza, manager, Poultry Specialists' Co., 4 Duddell Street, exhibited single comb white Leghorn cockerels and pullets of both American and Australian strain, together with a single comb Rhode Island red cockerel and pullet and a black Australorp cockerel and pullet.

Mr. D. E. de Carvalho, of Messrs. Botelho Bros. had on view one "pen" of Rhode Island single comb birds consisting of one cock and two hens, and also one basket of a dozen Leghorn eggs, each weighing two ounces or over.

Mr. H. A. Rodgers, of White Cottage, Tai-po, showed a Scandinavian Landrace sow, directly imported. This was an exceptionally fine specimen weighing 300 catties or 400 lbs. The sow is between eight and nine months.

Mr. Leo d'Almada e Castro, of Fanling had a Yorkshire sow on exhibition. This was obtained from the Dairy Farm, Ice and Cold Storage Co's stock and reared at Fanling. The sow has a litter of eight young ones. Recently Mr. d'Almada disposed of a sow which weighed 375 lbs when 10 months old, thus demonstrating the excellent quality of "food" grown at Fanling suitable for the successful rearing of pigs.

## THE SHOW OFFICIALS.

Those Who Helped Towards Exhibition's Success.

The Committee was indebted to the railway authorities for the arrangements in connexion with the conveyance of visitors to and from the Show. The special cheap excursion rate was much appreciated. Every facility was afforded by the management for the quick transportation of articles for the Show.

To the "Star" Ferry Co. the Committee was under obligation for the concession accorded of free fare to the bandmen of the K.O.S.B., who were present at the Show and under the capable direction of Mr. W. H. Fitz-Earle, A.R.C.M., delighted the visitors with excellently rendered music throughout the afternoon. The following selection of music was played, by kind permission of Lieut.-Colonel L. J. Conyn, C.M.G., D.S.O., and officers.

March of the Peers from "Tollanthe," (Sullivan).  
Overture, "Tancredi," (Rossini).  
Selection, "The Desert Song," (Romberg).  
Intermezzo, "Baby's Sweetheart," (Corri).  
Chinese Suite, "Feast of Lanterns," (Glover).  
Caprice, "Echo des Bastions," (Kling).  
Selection, "Yeomen of the Guard," (Sullivan).  
Fox Trot, "The Toy-Town Parade," (Nicholls).  
"Blue Bonnets O'er the Border," God Save the King.

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## NEWS DISTRIBUTION.

LEAGUE DISCUSSES RADIO IMPROVEMENT.

Geneva, Dec. 7.  
The Council of the League of Nations has approved the report of the recent Press Conference.

Several delegates emphasised the importance of the recommendation that the Conference should favour the improvement of telephonic and telegraphic wireless communications all over the world, particularly between Geneva and London. The question was referred to the League's communications Committee for necessary action.

Sr. Urrutia of Colombia, supporting the recommendation, pointed out that London was the chief centre of the distribution of news from America and from the Far East. Sig. Adachi warmly associated himself with the report and hoped that efforts to improve communications between Geneva and London would be successful. Cheng Lo and M. Dandurand followed in the same sense. Sir Austen Chamberlain promised, when he returned to London to see what could be done to carry out the recommendation.—*Reuter*.

## LEAGUE AND OPIUM.

GERMANY AND ITALY NOT WILLING TO RATIFY.

Geneva, Dec. 7.  
In the League Council discussion of the report of the Opium Committee Herr Stresemann declared that Germany would not ratify the Geneva Opium Convention of 1925 until the German expert was elected a member of the Central Board.

Sig. Scialoja indicated that Italy would ratify the Convention if the social and humanitarian section of the League Secretariat carried out the secretarial work of the Central Board.

Sig. Adachi declared he was willing to accept the Italian proposal if it would secure the ratification of the Convention. On the motion of Sig. Adachi the Council decided to invite the League Committee to examine the Italian suggestion.—*Reuter*.

the Committee had the benefit of the services of some fifteen members of Chinese Company, Police Reserve. These "specials" kindly volunteered their services and very efficiently maintained control on the grounds. Boy Scouts also did good work.

## The Judges.

Foreign Vegetables.

Mr. Jas. Bullock.  
Mr. J. L. MacPherson.  
Mr. Fung Kei Cheuk.  
Roots, etc. and Green Vegetables (Chinese).

Mr. Ho Kom Tong, O.B.E.  
Mr. Choa Po Sien.  
Mr. Tang Wai Tong.  
Mr. Tang Yau Shan.  
Mr. Lau Wang.

## Rice.

Mr. Li Cham Hing.  
Mr. Tang Wai Tong.  
Mr. Tang Yau Shan.  
Mr. Lau Wang.

## Fruits and Melons.

Mr. Tsai Po Tin.  
Other Cereals and Legumes.  
Mr. Lau Wang.  
Mr. Tang Wai Tong.  
Mr. Tang Yau Shan.

## Sugar Cane.

Mr. Leung Wai Tai.  
Officials in charge of Poultry and Live-Stock Section were Mr. Jas. Bullock and Mr. E. V. M. R. de Souza.

## The Officials.

The officials of the Show were as follows:  
Patron, H. E. The Governor, Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.  
Vice-Patron, Mr. J. A. Fraser.  
Committee, Rev. H. R. Wells, O.B.E., (Chairman), Mr. Jas. Bullock, Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin, Lady Ho Tung, Mr. L. Gibbs, Mr. J. L. MacPherson, Mr. Ng Sing Chi (Hon. Chinese Secretary), and Mr. J. P. Braga, (Hon. English Secretary and Treasurer).

Chinese Committee: Messrs. Chan Yu Kwong, Cheung Yee Yan, Fung Kei Cheuk, Hau Ting Han, Lai Yik Tsai, Lam Un Chi, Lai Chung Chong, Leung Kung Wang, Leung Wai Tai, Li Ngan Lan, Li Tai Sang, Li Wa Fan, Liu Cheuk Nam, Ma Lu Ting, Man Ming Shi, Man Po Tso, Ng Lai Shek, Pang Lok Sam, Sheng Lin Kwong, Tang Chak Chau, Tang Cheuk Fan, Tang Ching Tseung, Tang Fan Kam, Tang Fan Shan, Tang Hang Tong, Tang Pak Ku, Tang Shing Tin, Tang Tau Sing, Tang Wai Man, Tang Wai Tong, Tang Yat Cheong, Tang Yau Shan, Tang Ying Shing, Tai Po Tin, Wong Chi Nam, Wong Kin Man, Wong Lap Tun, Wong Mung Shan, Yeung Cheuk Nam, and Yik Chan Shan.

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## U. S. POLICIES.

### BRITISH PRESS COMMENT.

London, Dec. 7.  
The part of President Coolidge's annual message to Congress which attracts most attention in Britain is naturally the reference to the Geneva Naval Conference.

The Times says: Mr. Coolidge's announcement that "any future treaty of limitation will call on us for more ships than we have at present" is not one with which we can usefully concern ourselves. If we had reason to doubt her peaceful intentions we could not be indifferent to it. But we have no shadow of reason for doubting them and can therefore accept for ourselves the

principles in no way contrast with those which President Coolidge has laid down.  
"It is for the Government and the people of the United States to estimate their maritime requirements. We can only consider our own." What has always been made perfectly clear is that we shall not dream of building in competition with the United States. Our needs cannot be determined by theirs.  
The Daily Chronicle says: "The question as to what constitutes adequate defence for America is not one with which we can usefully concern ourselves. If we had reason to doubt her peaceful intentions we could not be indifferent to it. But we have no shadow of reason for doubting them and can therefore accept for ourselves the

principle laid down for America that there shall be no competition and that we shall build what we need for defence and no more.  
British Wireless.

French Comment.  
London, Dec. 7.  
While the American press scarcely refers to that part of President Coolidge's message dealing with the navy, but concentrates its attention on the domestic references, and the British press generally agrees that Britain is in competition with America in competition with America, French press laments the "inactivity" of the French naval forces and urges that America should prove the necessity of such nation taking its own measures for national defence.

## OUR NEW SERIAL

## THE HOUSE OF SIN.

By ALLEN UPWARD.  
(Author of "The Yellow Hand,"  
"The Ordeal of Fire," etc.)

## CHAPTER XVI.

Dr. Tarleton noted the exchange of glances.

The invalid accepted her husband's reproach with amiability.

"You were right, Henry, of course. But you know I never suggested that dear Rosa had been guilty of anything more than thoughtlessness. Girls nowadays think they can behave just like men."

Tarleton addressed Miss Pregut. "Now you know that this unfortunate man was murdered here, apparently while on his way to visit you, can you suggest any motive for the crime?"

The Frenchwoman gave her mistress a strange look. Then she suddenly began to tremble.

"I am innocent, monsieur; I swear it, by Heaven!"

"Tut, tut! No one is accusing you," returned the doctor in a friendly tone. "I am simply asking you if you can think of anyone else who might have had a motive for putting your lover out of the way."

Pregut's trembling increased. The effect of the drug she had taken appeared to be wearing off. She threw a look of despair at the Duchess, whose face exhibited nothing but innocent wonder.

"Come, Suzanne, you had better speak out."

"I'm afraid, madame; I dare not make any suggestion. I do not know of anyone who had cause to complain of Monsieur Montague, except—She faltered, and began to shed tears."

"Except?" Tarleton repeated. "It is impossible, monsieur. Miladi Rosa could never have done such a thing," sobbed the lady's maid.

The specialist started back in horror. He had had to face the possibility that Lady Rosa might be suspected of poisoning Montague, and that her betrothed, Captain Theobald, might be charged with having avenged her; but an accusation such as was now hinted at took the investigator by surprise. He stood aghast like one who has lifted a stone in search of an insect and found a viper underneath.

The Duke of Altringham seemed scarcely less horrified.

"Good heavens, woman! how dare you even hint such a thing!" he exclaimed.

Even the Duchess appeared to share her husband's feelings, though she expressed herself more gently.

"You don't seem to know what you are saying, Suzanne. Think! Is there no one else who might have had a grudge against Mr. Montague?"

Pregut shook her head in despair. But the Duke of Altringham came to the rescue. He turned to the doctor with an air of confidence.

"It was right about the cause of Montague's visit: why shouldn't I be right about the murder as well? You know I suggested that it might be the negro; the fact that a poisoned arrow was used really points to him. Sir Charles Beaumanoir thinks so, too."

While his Grace was speaking the expert observed another lightning exchange of glances between mistress and maid. Mademoiselle ceased to sob.

"You think of everything, Henry," his wife said, admiringly. "Dr. Tarleton did not tell me about the poisoned arrow. I remember Frederick brought some home with him. Of course, anybody might have stolen one."

"Fai! was the only person besides Theobald who knew how deadly they were," said the Duke, frowning.

"I should scarcely say that, dear," her Grace answered, dispassionately. "I think Fred warned us all not to touch them."

The investigator could scarcely restrain his feelings as he listened to the stepmother's persistent attempts to keep suspicion turned in the direction of the beautiful girl whom he was determined to protect. For once he departed from his strict duty so far as to put a leading question to the chief witness.

"Tell me," he asked the lady's maid, "has this negro shown any signs of admiring you?"

Pregut turned a grateful look on the questioner. Whatever her mistress might wish, the Frenchwoman clearly did not relish the task of accusing the Lady Rosa. It was not likely that such a woman was troubled with conscientious scruples; but no doubt she was sufficiently worldly wise to see the danger of making such a charge against a daughter of the Duke of Altringham.

With an air of natural vanity she answered: "But yes, monsieur. Since you ask me, that detestable savage has annoyed me much by his attentions. I have even been afraid of some violence on his part."

She kept her eyes steadily averted from the Duchess while making this speech. Her Grace's expression was not exactly sympathetic. The Duke, on the other hand, was overjoyed.

"Excellent!" he cried. "Surely that is enough, Dr. Tarleton? It is perfectly clear that the negro committed the murder in revenge because Pregut would not tolerate him. Burrows tells me he is always about at unearthly hours of the morning, and he may easily have seen Montague leaving, and watched him. I consider the case is complete."

The Duchess of Altringham moved slightly on her pillows. Her glance at Tarleton seemed to ask whether he was weak enough to share her husband's opinion. But the specialist was on his guard.

The situation for him was a difficult one. Anxious as he might be to screen Lady Rosa, he was by no means prepared to go the length of supporting a charge against an innocent man, even though that man was only a savage. At the same time, it suited his purpose for the moment to let it be thought he was satisfied with the Duke's theory. By so doing it was possible that the true criminal might be thrown off his guard.

What had most encouraged him in the whole scene was the breakdown of Mademoiselle Pregut, and the consequent signs of a rift between her and her mistress. It seemed to him that if he could get the Frenchwoman alone he might succeed, by playing on her fears, in eliciting a good deal more than she had yet been induced to reveal.

He took a short time for consideration before replying to the triumphant Duke.

"I quite agree with you that there is a certain presumption against the negro in the light of Mademoiselle's evidence, though I must have an opportunity of sifting it carefully before I go further. As you probably know, Captain Theobald is a firm believer in Fai!ai's innocence. I may also tell you that I made a thorough examination of his room on the morning of the crime and found no trace of the weapon."

"He may have destroyed it," suggested his Grace.

"Quite possibly. My point is that the case against him rests mainly on Mademoiselle's statement. I think I ought to take it down in writing. If the Duchess can spare her some time to-morrow I shall be glad if she will come round to my house, where I can examine her quietly. In the meanwhile, I will meet your wishes by saying nothing at the inquest that will cause the crime to be connected in any way with Trafford House."

The Duke of Altringham received this promise with heartfelt gratitude, and overwhelmed the doctor with apologies for his previous rudeness. The Duchess showed herself equally pleased, and graciously consented that her maid should wait on the specialist, as suggested, the following day.

Tarleton was obliged to tear himself away to attend to his duties at Chiswick. But encountering Captain Theobald, who was anxiously waiting for him in the hall, he thought it worth while to give him a hint of what was in progress. Accordingly he drew the younger officer aside into the waiting-room.

"I have something to tell you which I think you ought to know. In the first place, the Duchess's maid, Pregut, has confessed that she was responsible for the presence of Montague in this house. She has just made the confession to me in the presence of her mistress."

"Thank God!" It was unnecessary to say what for. Lady Rosa's two champions understood each other.

In the second place, Pregut states that your man, Fai!ai, was in love with her, and even frightened her by his violent demeanour."

"It is a lie!"

"Very likely. She is coming to me to-morrow, when I shall have a better opportunity of getting at the truth."

The two men shook hands warmly, and the specialist hurried off. The post-mortem at Chiswick revealed nothing which he had not diagnosed beforehand. The cause of death was undoubtedly poison, but it was a poison not known to chemists, and the consultant could only pronounce the opinion that it was the hideous product of the Nigerian savages.

The coroner had hastily summoned a jury, to permit of the speedy burial of the corpse. In the evening papers a full report appeared, under the heading of "The Chiswick Mystery."

No name was assigned to the deceased except that by which he was known on the stage. And the verdict was the anticipated one of wilful murder against some person or persons unknown.

## SHARE PRICES.

## TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.  
Hongkong Bank, \$1140 b.  
Chartered Bank, \$214 b.  
Mercantile A. & B., \$31 n.  
F. and O., \$10 n.  
East Asia, \$62 a.Insurance.  
Canton Ins., \$555 b.  
Union Ins., \$293 b.  
North China Ins., \$143 n.  
Yangtze Ins., \$461 b.  
China Underwriters, \$120 a.  
China Fire, \$215 n.  
H. K. Fire Ins., \$635 b.Shipping.  
Douglases, \$381 b.  
H. K. Steamships, \$20 s.  
H. K. Tugs, \$170 s.  
Indo-China, (Prof.) \$30 n.  
Shell Trans., 90/- n.  
Union Waterboats, \$17 n.Mining.  
Bonguets, \$21 n.  
Kailans, 63/- n.  
Langkats, \$181 b.  
Shai Exploration, \$12.90 s.  
Raubs, \$31 b.  
Tronchs, 19/3 n.Docks, etc.  
Kowloon Wharves, \$123 b.  
Whampoa Docks, \$35 s.  
China Providents, \$4 s.  
Hongkows, \$157 b.  
New Engineering, \$14 s.  
Shanghai Docks, \$15.93 s.Cottons.  
Ewo Cottons, \$18.710 b.  
Orientals, \$12 n.  
Shai Cottons, \$18.465 X Div.Lands, Hotels, etc.  
H. and S. Hotels, \$7.10 s.  
H. K. Lands, \$58 n.  
Shai Lands, \$124 b.  
Humphreys, \$13.75 b.  
Realty, \$7.40 n.  
Territorials, \$11 s.Public Utilities.  
Tramways, \$20.90 s.  
Peak Trams, (old) \$14 s.  
Star Ferries, \$571 b.  
China Light, (Comb.) \$12 s.  
H'kong Electric, \$561 b.  
Macao Electric, \$44 b.  
Telephones, \$3.90 b.China Buses, \$14 s.  
Singapore Traction, \$12.9 n.Industrials.  
China Sugars, \$13 n.  
Malabons, \$30 s.  
Canton Ice, \$5 n.  
Cemco (Comb.) \$7 s.  
Ropes (Old) \$10 n.  
United Asbestos, \$12 s.Stores &c.  
Dairy Farms, \$15.10 n.  
Watsons, \$11 s.  
Der A. Wing, \$6 n.  
Lane Crawfords, \$5 s.  
Mackintosh, \$22 s.  
Sinceres, \$81 n.  
Wm. Powells, \$5 s.Miscellaneous.  
Amusements, \$19 b.  
Constructions, \$11 s.  
B'que Ind. G. Bonds, \$51 1/2 b.  
H. K. G. Loan, 4% Prem.

## LETTER GOLF SOLUTION.

Here is one solution to the puzzle on another page.

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der against some person or persons unknown.

Tarleton did not get back to his home till late that night, and his breakfast next morning was a little delayed. He was in the act of sitting down to it when a car drove up to the house and the door-bell was rung with violence.

Some instinct warned the specialist that his visitor was from Trafford House. He looked round without surprise when the Duke of Altringham's steward was shown in. But it was with real surprise that he marked the change in his caller's appearance. The respectable Burrows looked as if he had seen something worse than a ghost.

He staggered, rather than walked, into the room.

"Sir," he gasped, "a dreadful thing has happened. There has been another murder in Trafford House last night."

Tarleton turned pale. His voice came from his throat in a whisper. "Who—who is it this time?" he asked.

(To be Continued.)

## DIVIDED CHINA.

(Continued from Page 7.)

7. Soviet Republic of Mongolia: This vast region is now practically under the control of Soviet Russia. It is completely independent of any group in China.

8. The Mohammedan Chief of Chinese Turkestan: Nominally subject to the Peking Government, actually, these chiefs are completely independent of any control from any Government in China.

9. Tibet: Politically, entirely independent of China.

## Less Central Control.

Even the above summary does not quite complete the picture. China is now in the midst of as far-reaching and conclusive a revolution as any country has yet witnessed. During such a period, all forms of central control lessen. Even where one of these governments is indicated as controlling an area, it is uncertain whether such control can always be exercised. Localism intervenes. Officials who have developed personal strength in a region cannot easily be disciplined for fractures of administration. Military commanders on the spot act without consulting the central authority to which they admit allegiance and they cannot be reprimanded without risk of a rearrangement of partisans. These confused conditions are normal in revolutionary periods and their exaggeration in China is only due to the size of the country, the huge numbers of the population and the inadequate means of communication.

Foreign Powers, in their dealings with China, are constantly confronted with the fact that the only Government with which they can have any relations under the treaties, the Peking Government, can only exercise authority in one part of the country. The rest of China will not acknowledge Peking's fiat. Similarly, were the Powers to cease recognizing Peking and were they to determine to associate with Nanking, for example, they would find, in the present state of political conditions in China, that the limitations upon Nanking's authority are even more hazardous than those which obstruct the relations between Peking and the Powers.

## Japanese Policy.

Japan has long since envisaged this problem in all its realism. Japan has direct friendly contacts in China not only with any Government that might want to have relations with it, but with any principal official who may be in actual control of territory. The Japanese Consul-General in Shanghai, for instance, has been elevated to the rank of a Minister and he can act independently of the Japanese Minister in Peking. In Manchuria, through the Kwangtung leased territory and the South Manchuria Railway such a possibility of regional friendly contact has long been feasible. France has, particularly in Yunnan and Shanghai, followed a similar policy. The British Christmas Day Note and Sir Austin Chamberlain's famous speech on China, both presaged such a reorientation of British policy. The Russians, of course, attempted it but were badly scared by the complication of Third International activities in conjunction with the Kuomintang and the Communist Party of China.

Even the United States has been forced by events to meet with these regional Governments through its consuls and the Chinese Commissioners of Foreign Affairs. Little more than that is required at the present time. The appointment of High Commissioners, attached to each of the Governments, each with a different policy, would lead only to confusion and would in the end prove as objectionable to China as to the United States. On the other hand, there could be no objection to Commission, official or unofficial, visiting China to determine the status of Americans in China, on condition that such a Commission should not limit its activities to a mere visit to Peking, Shanghai and Canton. For Americans and American interests now appear everywhere in China.

There can be no question but that Senator Bingham has hit upon an important idea—the United States should find a medium for dealing with the regional governments in China. At this time, there is no hope for immediate unity in China. The problem, then, is to maintain such relations between all parts of China and the United States as will make it possible for Americans to live and do business in China. That is the immediate problem of the moment—not the revision of the unequal treaties. So far as the Kuomintang is concerned, it is now known that their object is not to attempt the revision of treaties until their present military campaigns are completed. As for the North, upon them falls the responsibility of establishing a united country. Why should the United States not attempt to be on good terms, let us say, with Szechuan even if that vast country is not on speaking terms with either Nanking or Peking?

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son, who presided last night at a protest meeting in the Church Hall, Westminster, announced that the Bishop of London had consented to receive a deputation who would lay the case for the retention of the church before him. A resolution which was enthusiastically

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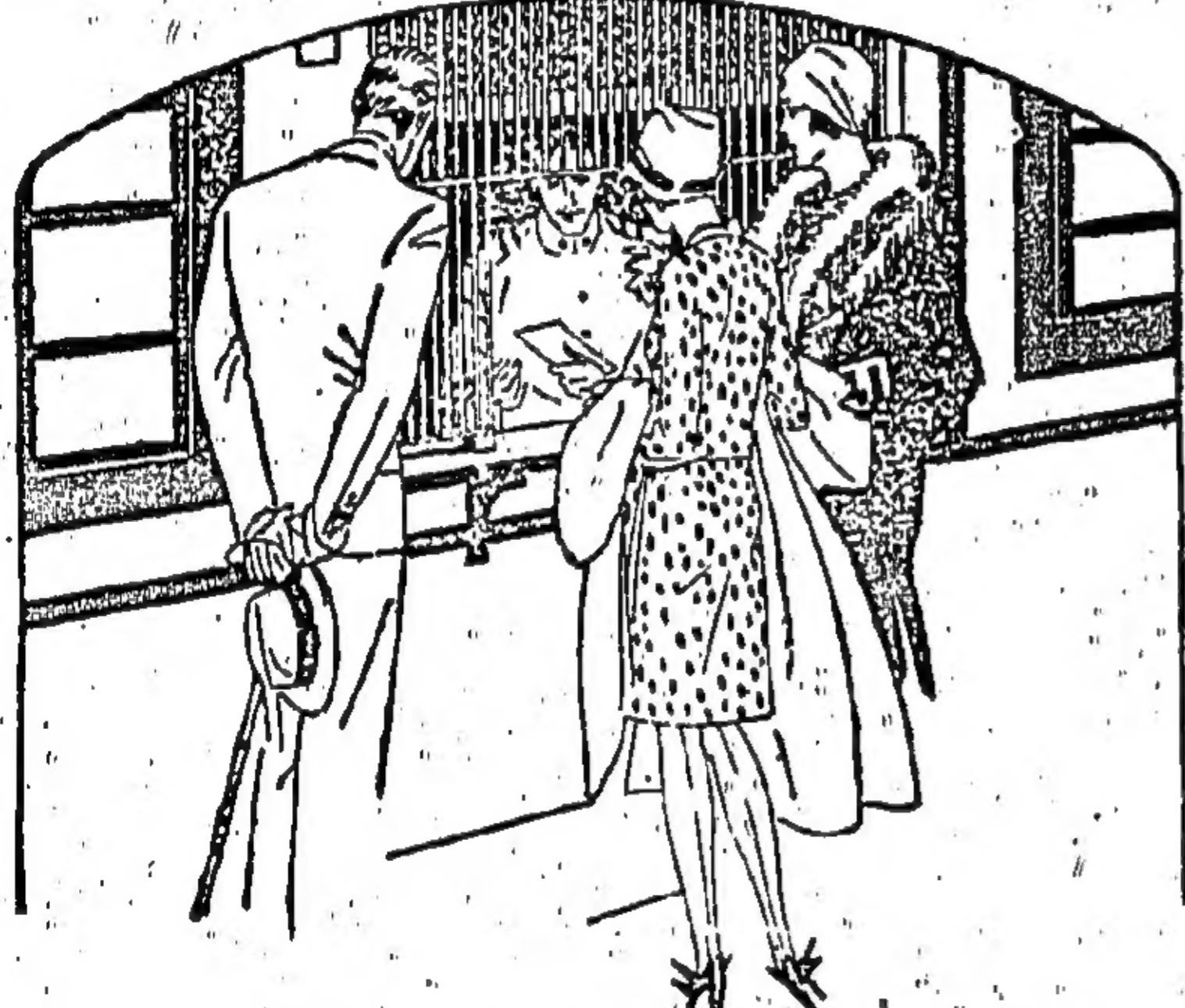
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## THE WATER SUPPLY.

### ALL RESERVOIRS BELOW OVERFLOW.

All reservoirs in the Colony are below overflow, with the exception of Tytam Intermediate, which remains level. The situation is far from satisfactory. Although there has been six inches more rain this year than last, the amount of water in storage is no less than 167,000,000 gallons less on the island above.

The following figures, taken from the monthly Water Return, shows storage, in millions and decimals of gallons on December 1 this year and last:

Tytam	1926	1927
Tytam Intermediate	315.08	306.80
Tytam Intermediate	2.23	2.78
Tytam Intermediate	56.39	135.90
Tytam Tsk	1,201.72	1,146.25
Wong Nei Chung	16.62	16.62
Pokfulam	36.17	29.34
Total	1,868.61	1,701.25

Consumption has increased being over two gallons per head per day more than a year ago. Last year, the consumption figures were 245.38 million gallons, and this year 283.33 million gallons. The estimated population was 406,760 and 417,080 respectively, showing the daily individual consumption as 22.7 gallons as against 20.1 gallons in November of 1926.

There was a full supply in all rider main districts during November last year and this year, with the exception this year of the districts west of Eastern Street where an intermittent supply was given from Nov. 18 to 30.

### Kowloon Figures.

The storage figures for Kowloon on December 1 were as follows:	1926	1927
Kowloon Reservoir	338.70	269.00
Shui-ki-ki Reservoir	100.80	97.70
Reception Reservoir	...	31.61
Total	439.50	397.71

The consumption in November, 1926, was 73.52 million gallons by an estimated population of 157,720, giving the daily consumption per head at 15.5 gallons. This year the consumption had increased to 93.41, the population to 162,760 and the consumption per head per day to 19.1 gallons.

The Government Analyst's report shows that the quality of water is satisfactory. The total rainfall up to Nov. 30 is given as 106.50 ins. against 100.93 ins.

## SPIES FOR RUSSIA.

### COMMITTED FOR TRIAL AT OLD BAILEY.

London, Dec. 7.  
McCartney and Hansen have been committed for trial at Old Bailey. Both pleaded not guilty and reserved their defence.

[A message dated London, Dec. 4 stated: At the resumption at Bow Street of the hearing of the charges of espionage against George Hansen and Wilfred McCartney, Counsel for the prosecution declared that McCartney, alias Hudson, was a member of the British Communist party and Hansen, alias Johnson, was a German subject. The foreign Power concerned in the case was the Government of Soviet Russia.]

## STEEL MELTING.

### NEW ELECTRICAL METHOD IS DEMONSTRATED.

London, Dec. 7.  
The new high frequency electrical furnace for melting steel was demonstrated yesterday at Sheffield at the works of Messrs. Edgar, Allen and Co. The furnace is the first of its kind in the world to be used commercially for the manufacture of high quality tool steel. It marks a striking advance on the old-fashioned crucible process in which pots containing about 60 lbs of material are heated by coke or gas fires.

In the new furnace about 450 lbs of steel are heated in about one hour. The heat is not put into the furnace from the outside but is induced within it by means of alternating currents of electricity. The walls of the crucible merely serve as the purpose of a container and the furnace itself is contained in a square wooden box which remains cool.

The purity of the steel produced is one of the technical advantages of the new process. Having no contact with the fuel, the steel is extraordinarily free from sulphur or phosphorous effects. It is estimated that whereas the cost of melting a ton of high speed steel under the old process ranges from £16 to £24, the cost will be about one-half or two-thirds of that sum under the new method.

## STUDENT RIOTS.

### AGAINST JEWS AND MAGYARS.

Budapest, Dec. 7.  
The police, reinforced by gendarmerie and cavalry, have at length quelled the bloody conflicts in the former Hungarian town of Nagyvarad, which has now been annexed to Rumania, where thousands of students from Jassy, from Bucharest and from various places throughout Transylvania, attended a congress.

The students began demonstrations against the Jews and eventually against the Magyars, and attacked and wrecked the residence of the Chief Rabbi, several newspaper offices and the Catholic Union Society's offices.

Up to the present it is known that one has been killed and many seriously injured.

## EXTINGUISHED.

### EARTH DUMPED INTO VOLCANO CRATER.

Managua, Dec. 7.  
With the idea of permanently extinguishing the Santiago volcano, whose poisonous fumes ruined a quarter of Nicaragua's coffee crop for years, German engineers have dumped thousands of tons of earth into the crater. The result is that the burning sulphur bed has been apparently extinguished.

## THE VOLUNTEERS.

### ORDERS FOR THE COMING WEEK.

Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps.  
Orders by Lieut.-Colonel L. G. Bird, D.S.O., Administrative Commandant.

Hongkong, 8th Dec. 1927.

### 1. Annual Camp.

Full particulars regarding annual camp which takes place between 1st December and 15th December have been issued to all ranks on 18th November by typewritten circular.

Men can proceed to Camp the evening of the day before, i.e. on Friday evening of 9th December, 1927.

O. C. Companies will report to the Adjutant, H.K.V.D.C. as soon as possible the number of members attending camp, stating meals required, so that rations can be arranged.

Those wishing to have their baggage sent to the Camp at Fanning must deliver it, clearly labelled with owners' names, at Corps Headquarters by 2 p.m. on Friday, 9th December.

### 2. Corps Signals.

Parade at Corps Headquarters on Monday, 12th December and Thursday, 15th December at 5.30 p.m. for Signal Instruction.

There will be a shoot with a team from one of H.M. Ships on the Miniature Range on Wednesday, 14th December. Team to be notified later.

Some members are still without hostels; they are to draw them without further delay from C.Q.M.S. Millington.

### 3. Artillery Company.

Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.25 p.m. on Thursday, 15th December for Battery Drill.

Thursday, 22nd December. There will be a lecture by an Officer from Kai Tak on Aeroplane co-operation with heavy Artillery. All ranks of the Corps are invited to be present.

### 4. Engineer Company.

The Field Sections will go to Camp from 8th to 12th December. All ranks will parade at Kowloon Railway Station on 8th December at 5.15 p.m. in order to catch the 5.43 p.m. train.

### 5. Strength.

The following recruit is taken on the strength on 1. 12. 27, and posted to No. 7 Platoon (Scottish Co.) No. 1284 Pte. A. N. Braude.

### 6. Sergeants' Mess Meeting.

There will be a Sergeants' Mess meeting at 6.00 p.m. on Thursday, 22nd December. All members will please attend.

R. A. WOLFE MURRAY, MAJOR, Adjutant, H. K. V. D. Corps.

## CHINA WARFARE.

### NOT COMIC OPERA.

London, Dec. 7.  
General Sutton, who for the last few years has been on Chang Tso-lin's staff, has arrived in London after an absence from England of eight years. In an interview with Reuters, he said it was quite wrong to regard the fighting in China as a sort of comic opera warfare. He declared that he left China because he wanted a change. He was given a nice little present by Chang Tso-lin. It is understood this was £10,000.

General Sutton is trying to interest British capitalists in a scheme of railway development in British Columbia.

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### APPRECIATION OF THE DEFENCE FORCES.

Shanghai, Dec. 7.  
A striking expression of the gratitude of the nationals of thirteen countries (unrepresented militarily in Shanghai, including Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Hol-

land, Switzerland, and Spain, for what the Defence forces on land and sea here meant for them, is contained in the announcement of a representative Committee of a fund being organised "to make Christmas spent so far from their homes and loved ones a happy one for the men for whose endeavours on our behalf this fund will create of long-awaited opportunity to show appreciation and thankfulness."—Reuters.

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KASHMIR	8,985	17th Mar.	Marseilles, L'don & A'werp
KARMALA	9,123	24th Mar.	Marseilles & London
MANTUA	10,946	31st Mar.	Marseilles & London
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## WAS JESUS A MYTH?

SECOND LECTURE BY  
MR. R. A. D. FORREST.

The following is the text of the  
second paper given by Mr. R.A.D.  
Forrest on "The Historicity of  
Jesus," at a meeting of the Hong-  
kong Rationalist Association held  
at Lane Crawford's Restaurant  
last evening.

I endeavoured in my last paper  
to show as fully as the time at  
my disposal would allow, that  
none of the commonly held views  
of the Jesus of the Gospels was  
satisfactory. I now proceed to  
give what appears to me to be  
the true explanation of the facts,  
which is, in brief, that the Gospel  
Jesus is a myth, no more or less  
real than Thor or Dionysus, and  
that belief in his actual existence  
originated in a gradual misunder-  
standing as the religion of Jesus  
was carried over from the mystic  
and gnostic East to the matter-  
of-fact peoples of the West un-  
accustomed to think in terms of  
myths.

To explain how this could come  
about, I shall first call your at-  
tention to an almost universal  
frailty of the human mind. All  
of us when we come to take stock  
of our ideas, find that we have  
been guilty of what we may call  
the hypostatization of abstracts,  
the taking for granted that be-  
cause a name exists, therefore a  
thing exists corresponding to the  
name. Hence we are asked such  
empty questions as: What is life?  
To this, of course, the only an-  
swer is, that, grammatically, life  
is a verbal noun, and that logical-  
ly the word is applied to the ab-  
stract quality which we recognise  
as common to all the things classed  
together as living. A little  
reflection will suggest many other  
examples of this fallacy. What it  
can do in the domain of religion  
is seen by the example of the  
Pharisees or Black Jews of north-  
east Africa, among whom the  
Sabbath is now worshipped as a  
goddess, a terrible warning to all  
true sabbatarians.

Having said so much, I shall  
now turn to the particular con-  
ditions among which Christianity  
took its rise.

### An Official Cult.

The well-known difference of  
the Pharisees and Sadducees, or  
a diligent reading of the Old  
Testament, should put us on our  
guard against the too common  
idea that Judaism was at any  
ancient time a homogeneous re-  
ligion. Rather we see an official  
cult centred in the Temple of  
Jerusalem jealously guarding its  
privileges and struggling to re-  
press or absorb into itself local  
or popular religious practices.  
Now, there is evidence to show  
that among these local rites was  
the worship of Joshua, whose name  
is the Hebrew equivalent of Jesus.  
To this day he is spoken of in the  
Jewish New Year ritual in terms  
that befit an angel rather than a  
mere mortal, and he appears to  
be identical with the angel of  
Exodus ch. xlii. This reduction  
of gods who have been worshiped  
in the struggle for existence to  
the rank of angels and finally to  
men provided with a local habita-  
tion and a name is common in de-  
veloping monotheisms.

The second great influence in  
the formation of the new creed  
was that of gnosticism. Arising  
apparently outside the Jewish fold,  
in an interaction of Zoroastrian  
and Babylonian astrology, this

## GUN ELEVATION.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TO BE CONSULTED.

Washington, Dec. 7.

The House of Representatives  
Appropriations Committee has de-  
cided to ask the House to decide on  
the advisability or otherwise of  
authorizing the elevation of big  
guns on American battleships.  
—Reuter's American Service.

early theosophy came even before  
the Christian era to borrow cer-  
tain Jewish ideas, and, as we see  
from the example of Philo, one  
of the first to use the word Logos  
in a theological sense, and of the  
original pre-Christian part of the  
"Teaching of the Twelve Apost-  
les," gnosticism was not without  
its influence on Judaism in its  
turn.

### The Gnostic Method.

The gnostic systems are none  
of them completely known to us,  
but of the gnostic method we  
know sufficient to say that every-  
thing was spoken in parables, and  
we may conclude that to the initi-  
ate it was given to understand  
the mysteries. The now apocry-  
phal book of "Wisdom" contains  
the following passage, where the  
speaker is Wisdom personified:  
"Come unto me all ye that be  
desirous of me and fill your  
selves with my fruits. For the  
remembrance of me is  
sweeter than honey, and mine  
inheritance than the honey-  
comb. They that eat me shall  
have the more hunger, and  
they that drink me shall thirst  
the more."

In this will be recognised a  
curious anticipation of well-  
known New Testament verses.  
Philo uses of the Logos—originally  
an abstract word meaning  
"speech" or "reason"—and applied  
particularly in religion to the  
"reason" or "word" of God—  
terms which we are accustomed  
to think of in connexion with  
Jesus. The Logos is the comfort-  
er, the pleader for sinner before  
God, the great high priest. Philo,  
as it noted, was accustomed to  
interpret the Old Testament  
symbolically, and we may presume  
that he did not forget that he  
was dealing in metaphors, but  
what is more natural than that  
his phrases, or even the passage  
from "Wisdom" should induce  
readers to imagine an actual per-  
son to whom they are applied?  
Brief reference must now be  
made to the last of the influences  
of which I spoke. Almost  
throughout the world, but more  
especially in western Asia, we find  
traces of a custom known among  
anthropologists as that of Eating  
the God. In its fully developed  
form, for which with its many  
variants I would refer you to  
Frazer's "Golden Bough," the cus-  
tom consists in sacrificial cannibal-  
ism, the victim being identified  
with the god, clad in royal raiment,  
worshipped, and finally slain and  
eaten by the worshippers, who  
thus become one with the god  
whom the victim personated.  
Polytheism in time reduced this  
to a merely symbolic rite, in  
which the human victim was re-  
presented by an animal or even  
by some other foodstuff. Many,  
if not most, religions have had  
their sacramental meals.

### The Final Stage.

We are now in a position to see  
the genesis of Christianity in more

## AUSTRALIAN STRIKE.

SETTLEMENT OF THE  
WATERSIDE DISPUTE.

Melbourne, Dec. 7.

It is announced in the arbitration  
court that the Watersiders Federation  
have advised their branches that the  
embargo on overtime has been lifted,  
and they have instructed the branches  
to carry out the Court's award. The  
watersiders will offer themselves for  
work to-morrow morning but there is  
some doubt in regard to the attitude  
of the owners. It is believed that  
they are far from satisfied with Mr.  
Beesby's action and are awaiting in-  
structions from London, but an early  
resumption of work seems certain.

The owners are dissatisfied with Mr.  
Beesby's decision that the question of  
picking up (engaging dockers for  
work) should be taken out of the  
hands of Board of Reference and that  
conditions at each port should be in-  
vestigated by the Arbitration Court.  
Mr. Beesby announced a three months  
interim award that laying down and  
picking up places shall be those obtain-  
ing on January 10 last and refused to  
discuss the point raised by the owners  
in regard to the legality of an interim  
award made under such circum-  
stances.—Reuter.

Among the local varieties  
of Judaism which survived the at-  
tempts of the official priesthood  
to suppress, was one in which  
peculiar reverence was paid to  
Joshua, i.e., Jesus. Influenced by  
gnostic ideas, the worshippers of  
Joshua came to identify their  
secondary god with the Logos or  
Divine Reason, and under ortho-  
dox Jewish influence, with the  
Messiah, whose coming was re-  
garded, however, in gnostic man-  
ner, as a cosmic event, outside  
space and time. These pre-  
Christian worshippers of Jesus  
were accustomed to meet for a  
sacramental meal whereby they  
became members of the god whom  
they ate in symbol. The final  
stage was reached when what was  
to its earliest adherents an al-  
legorical statement of their theo-  
sophy spread among peoples ac-  
customed to the local and material  
definiteness of classical mytho-  
logy, and to the clearer cate-  
gories of Greek philosophy. These  
later demanded details of the  
life of him whom they worshipped,  
and in such cases leaving deli-  
berate aside, the demand never  
exceeds the supply.

I am conscious of many weak-  
nesses in this paper, due in part  
to the urgency of time. I have  
been compelled to state dogmati-  
cally much for which I should  
have liked to have given chapter  
and verse, and to leave unquali-  
fied much that requires qualifica-  
tion or illustration. In particular  
I should have liked to have spoken  
of Robertson's special contribu-  
tion to the problem, his finding  
of the core of the Gospels in a  
kind of mystery play in which the  
early Christians showed forth the  
death of their god.

In conclusion, I must add that  
it would only mislead if I left  
you with the impression that the  
theory here outlined is held even  
by a majority of non-Christian  
scholars. On the other hand, I  
would say that the number of its  
adherents among scholars is both  
considerable and increasing. It  
is maintained by British, Ameri-  
can, German, Danish and French  
writers, and while revolutionary  
changes in thought on such mat-  
ters are not to be looked for, I  
believe it will gain ground, if  
slowly, yet steadily.

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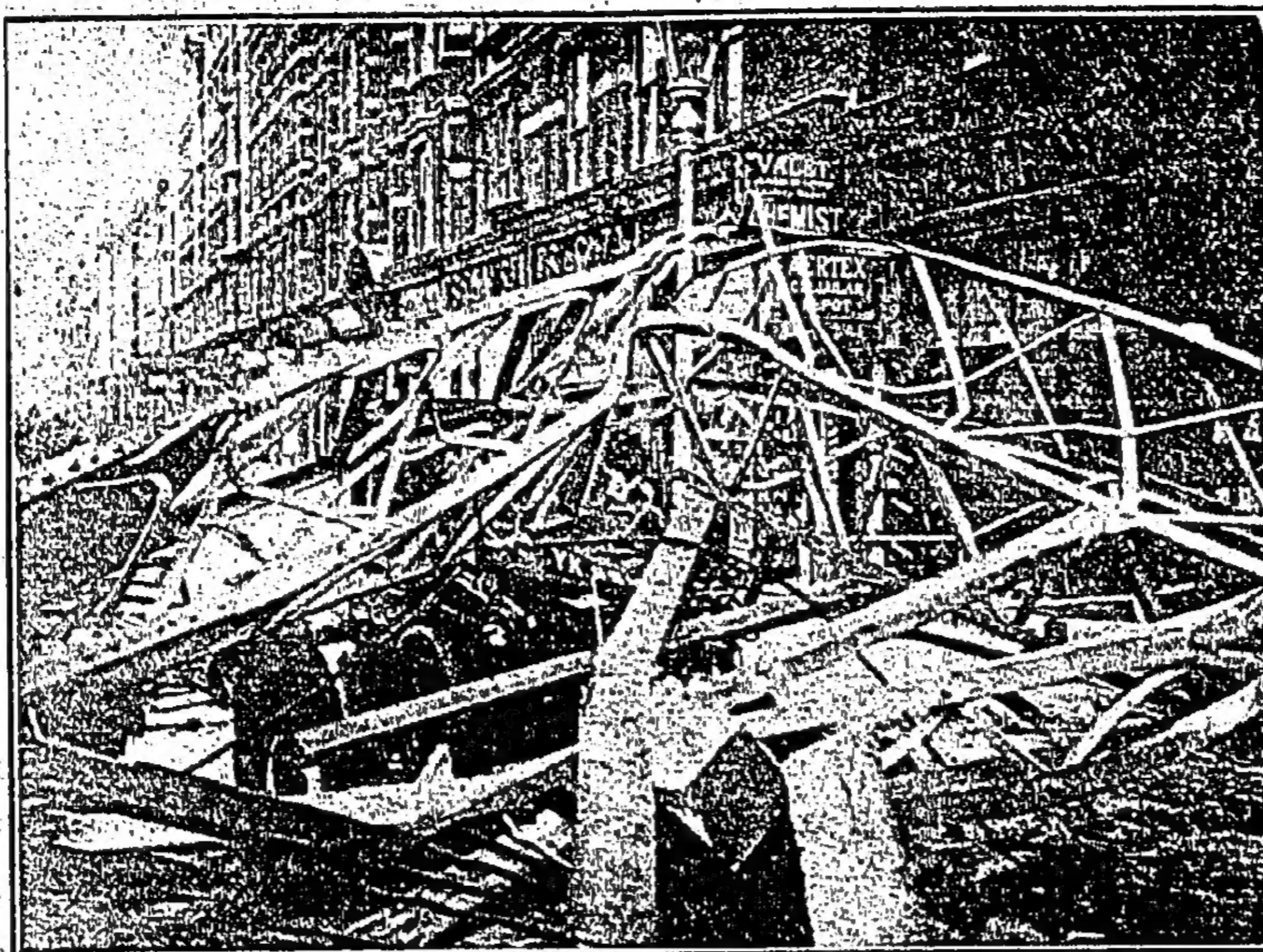
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London felt the full effects of last month's gale, in which several lives were lost, and  
widespread damage done. Photo shows the wreckage of a crane which collapsed into  
Southampton Row, completely blocking the thoroughfare.

A WALL STREET  
FLUCTUATION.

DUE TO PRESIDENTIAL  
DECLARATION.

New York, Dec. 7.  
A sharp recession in the stock  
market, in many important issues,  
ranging from one to four dollars  
per share, is attributed to Mr.  
Coolidge's reiteration of his inten-  
tion not to stand for the next  
Presidential election.  
Perhaps also the anticipation  
that the shipment of a million  
dollars in gold to England, yester-  
day, might be followed by others,  
and lead to higher interest rates,  
may have had something to do with  
this effect on stocks.—*Reuter's  
American Service.*

## NO PASSPORT.

## RUSSIAN'S VARIED CAREER.

An interesting personality, a  
Russian named Peter Lemikoff,  
who was charged before Major C.  
Wilkinson this morning with lacking  
a passport, and was sentenced to six  
weeks' hard labour, has related a  
series of remarkable adventures  
through which he passed since he  
left his native village in the Cos-  
sack territory of the Don in Russia.

On being forced to leave his home  
many years ago on account of "Red"  
terrorism, he joined a "White"  
Army in Siberia, fought the "Reds"  
through many battles, and was cap-  
tured, when only just emerging  
from his teens, in a town near  
Vladivostok. On account of his  
tender years, he was released after  
a short stay in prison, and went  
south to join Chang Tso-lin's  
"White" Russian Battalion of  
Death. He fought and risked his  
life for \$14 a month—which is the  
ordinary pay of the "White" Rus-  
sian in the Dictator's Army, and  
eventually left Chinese warfare to  
find other fields of adventure.

He travelled to Siam, was de-  
ported from Bangkok in 1925, and  
again from Burma the following  
year. He next went to Canton, was  
arrested by the "Reds," then  
affiliated with Hsueh-shan, but escaped  
from prison to come to Hongkong  
by train. Here he was again ar-  
rested and was deported by the  
police authorities as an undesirable  
to Shanghai. This was in Septem-  
ber of last year.

There is a break in the narrative  
until Lemikoff again turned up in  
Shanghai where he stowed away on  
the President Taft to come to Hong-  
kong. A few days of wandering in  
the streets without food was his ex-  
perience, until hunger forced him  
to give himself up at the Central  
Police Station.

Lemikoff has had his food prob-  
lem solved for him for the next  
six weeks, but it is problematical  
what the authorities propose to do  
with him after he has served his  
term.

## HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

The following are the replies to  
to-day's questions:—

1. Lord Alton, 2. German Biographer,  
Hilbert C. Durrant, President of the French  
Republic, famous musician and friend  
of St. George's Chapel, Windsor; modern  
novelist and critic, late general secretary  
of the Milner's Federation of Great Britain.  
3. Cat's paw's conspiracy, 4. "Pickwick Pa-  
per," 5. Forty miles, 6. "To Colla," 7.  
Point furthest from the earth of any planet.  
8. Bach, 9. Eight, 10. The flag flown when  
a ship is about to leave port. 11. 527-688  
A.D. 12, 1914.

To-day's Observatory report says  
the anti-cyclone has weakened. The  
typhoon appears to be filling up be-  
tween 200 and 300 miles of Cochin  
China. Strong to fresh monsoon  
may be expected along the south-  
east coast of China and over the  
north Sea. The local forecast up  
to noon to-morrow is:—North  
winds, fresh, fair.

MORE UNEASINESS AT  
HANKOW.

(Continued from Page 1.)

plans for the despatch of Japanese  
forces to Shantung.—*Reuter.*

## Future Plans.

Shanghai, Dec. 8.

Following the fall of Hsuehchow,  
the Shantung troops retreated to-  
wards Linchow, but a small body of  
Sun Chuan-fang's men was en-  
veloped by the Nationalists at  
Chiehlin on the Tsin-pu line.

The Nationalists have despatched  
the 9th, 10th and 26th Armies to  
pursue the Shantung troops,  
while the 1st and 40th Armies are  
still on the Tsin-pu front.

It is reported that General Feng  
Yu-shiang is shortly proceeding to  
Hsuehchow by way of the Lungchi  
line to confer with the Nationalist  
Commanders on plans for a joint  
general attack against Shantung.  
General Ho Ying-ching, field  
Marshal of the Nanking Expedi-  
tionary Force, will proceed to  
Hsuehchow to have a personal con-  
ference with General Feng Yu-  
shiang. A special train has been  
prepared at Peking to convey Gen-  
eral Ho to Hsuehchow. The Nan-  
king Nationalist Government has  
telegraphed to Feng Yu-shiang  
highly commending his services on  
the Shantung front. Feng is re-  
ported to co-operate with General  
Ho Ying-ching in further carrying  
on the Northern expedition.—  
*Nam Chung Po.*

## TREATY REVISIONS.

## Britain to Watch Development.

London, Dec. 7.

In the House of Commons, Mr.  
W. P. Mitchell (Conservative)  
asked whether the British Govern-  
ment was aware of the nature of  
the proposals contained in the  
treaties at present being negotiated  
between China and certain Powers,  
in view of the fact that these may  
be regarded as setting a precedent  
when the British treaties with  
China come up for re-modelling.

Mr. G. Locker Lampson said that  
nothing had raised the question of  
the revision of treaties with France,  
Belgium, Japan and Spain. Nego-  
tiation had in some cases been  
begun, but he did not believe they  
had substantially progressed. Bri-  
tain had a general knowledge of the  
lines of the negotiations, and Mr.  
Mitchell's question would have the  
most careful attention.—*Reuter.*

## NATIONALIST QUARRELS.

## Mayor of Shanghai Resigns.

After having been Mayor of  
Greater Shanghai for a few days  
more than two months, Gen. Chang  
Ting-fan has placed his resignation  
in the hands of the Nanking  
Government.

Gen. Chang assumed office on  
September 17, at which time he  
outlined a very progressive policy  
of municipal reform, which he at-  
tempted to put into immediate  
practice. Misunderstandings arose  
between him and the Nanking au-  
thorities, which made it impossible  
for him to continue in office. Gen.  
Chang, in his letter of resignation,  
emphasized this fact and stated  
that his policy with reference to  
the Kuomintang had also differed  
from that of his fellow members.

Gen. Chang left for Nanking  
some days ago, and has been away  
since. It is stated that it is highly  
improbable that he will return to  
Shanghai. Meanwhile, Mr. Chow,  
the chief secretary of the munic-  
ipality, is directing affairs until a  
successor has been appointed.

GERMAN IRON AND  
STEEL.

INDUSTRIAL UNREST TIDED  
OVER.

Berlin, Dec. 7.

The iron and steel industrial  
magnates threatened lock-out on  
January 1, owing to the workers  
demanding an 8 hour day and  
higher wages, will not materialise,  
in consequence of the interven-  
tion by the official arbitrator ap-  
pointed by the Minister of Labour,  
whose decision is final.—*Reuter.*

## Krupps' Huge Profits.

Essen, Dec. 7.

Messrs. Krupp's net profit for  
the business year 1926-27, is 13,  
000,000 marks; compared with a  
loss of 2,000,000 marks last year.  
—*Reuter.*

## BRITISH SILVER PLATE.

## RUSSIAN LOOT DISCOVERED.

London, Nov. 8.

The Latvian authorities, at the  
instance of the British Legation,  
have seized what is believed to be  
part of the silver valuables plun-  
dered from the British Embassy in  
Leningrad when the revolution  
broke out in 1917, contained in  
seven cases, addressed to a bank-  
ing merchant, says the Riga cor-  
respondent of the Times.

They lay with the Customs au-  
thorities for a year, when they  
were advertised for auction as Bri-  
tish arms and cutlery. This  
aroused suspicions, and the auc-  
tion was delayed pending investi-  
gation.

The cases also contain china  
bearing the Russian Imperial  
arms.

MORE OF GREVILLE  
MEMOIRS.

## SCANDALOUS GOSSIP HURTS.

London, Nov. 3.

The Westminster Gazette under-  
stands that the Greville Memoirs  
have given great offence in court  
circles.

Sir Frederick Ponsonby, who  
was Private Secretary to Queen  
Victoria, from 1894 to 1891, and  
whose father handed the original  
volume of Memoirs to Queen Vic-  
toria, says, "Not a hundredth  
part of what Greville wrote is  
true."

"He picked up bits of scandal-  
ous gossip, and wrote them down  
in his diary, as if they were  
 Gospel truth."

"Greville went out of his way  
to collect scandal, and no credence  
can be attached to the state-  
ments."

On the contrary, the historian,  
Professor Pollard, regards the  
Memoirs as valuable, but, he says,  
it requires a trained historian to  
 sift the false from the true.

Sir Almeric Fitzroy, Clerk of  
the Privy Council from 1898 to  
1923, says that the diary is a  
 "lying fabrication, written by a  
 pitiful man."

"I knew well," he said, "many  
men who were intimately ac-  
quainted with the life of that  
period, and not one would uphold  
 those grotesque stories."

Sir Sidney Low, the famous au-  
thor, who wrote "The Political  
History of the Reign of Queen  
Victoria," described it as "malig-  
nant and mendacious little-tattle."  
"Greville was an embittered and  
 disappointed man," he said,  
 "vulgar, credulous, inaccurate,  
 and often ignorant. The sup-  
 pressed passages should have re-  
 mained suppressed."

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